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"And I'll tell it and
think it and speak it and
breathe it,
And reflect it from the
mountain
so all souls can see it...."
-Bob Dylan

Race awareness group formed on campus

by Sarah Karalunas '04
NEWS WRITER

In the wake of a visit by author and speaker Dr. Beverly Daniel Tatum, Hamilton College students and faculty are forming a white discussion group for students concerned with diversity and racism on campus.

Tatum held a question and answer session about her book, *Why Are All the Black Kids Sitting Together in the Cafeteria?* on September 29. She also visited sections of *College 130* to participate in smaller discussion groups.

"This was a great way to open the lines of communication," said Adinah Bradberry '01. "She (Tatum) served as a facilitator, and for many people this was the first time they ever really dealt with issues of race and racism."

Tatum defines racism as a "system of advantage based on race," saying that even white people who are not actively prejudiced are racist because they benefit, knowingly or not, from the color of their skin. Many white students and adults have a hard time coming to grips with that definition.

"Lots of students who started reading the book, got upset and just quit. They didn't have a way to relate to it, or really to understand it," said Kris Paap, Professor of Sociology.

As a result, after hearing Tatum speak, she and two students decided to start a discussion group for white students on campus.

"It's a place for people to ask questions without worrying about intruding on people's personal space or hurting someone," said Laura Keller '04, one of the group's student organizers. "It's a place for people who are passionate about the issue, but don't know where to go next."

"We're trained to say, 'I wish Hamilton were more diverse,' but most people aren't doing anything about it," says Paap. She encourages students to attend meetings of the Black and Latin Student Union and events sponsored by La Vanguardia. Also, she believes that discussions are key to the issue.

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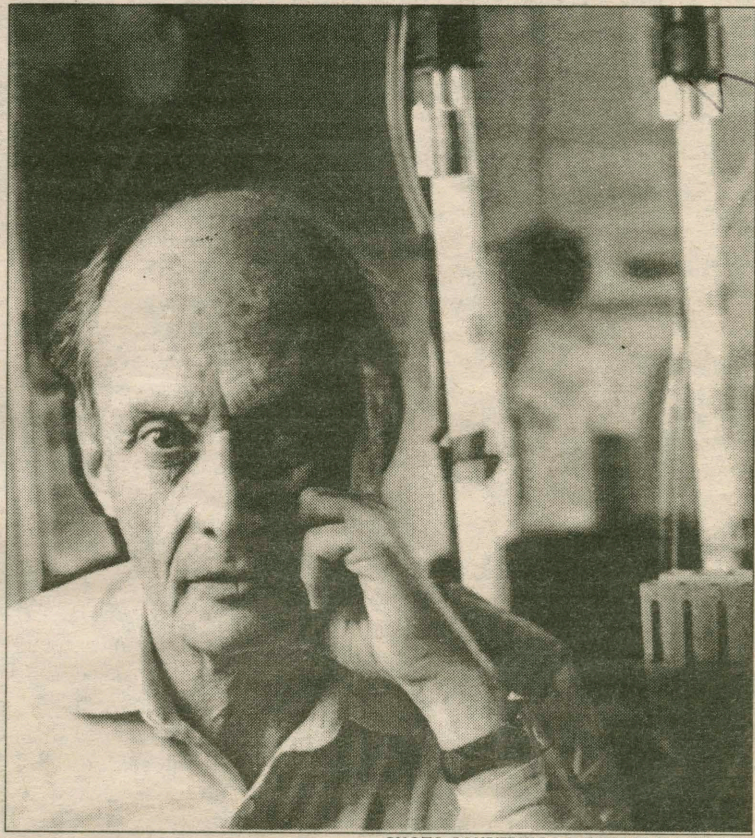
Graduate awarded Nobel Prize

by Christopher R. LaRosa '03
LAYOUT EDITOR



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Paul Greengard '48 was recently awarded the Nobel Prize for Physiology or Medicine. He is the first graduate since Elihu Root, Class of 1864, to receive a Nobel Prize.

Hamilton College alumnus Paul Greengard '48 was awarded the Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine this past Monday.

Currently the director of the Zachary and Elizabeth M. Fisher Center for Research on Alzheimer's Disease at The Rockefeller University in New York, Greengard has garnered vast recognition for his research on nervous system functions at the molecular level.

Greengard shares this year's award with Arvid Carlsson of the University of Göteborg and Australian-born Eric Kandel of Columbia University.

Hamilton's second Nobel Prize laureate, Greengard graduated Phi Beta Kappa with a physics and math double major.

After graduating from Hamilton, Greengard received a Ph.D. in biophysics from Johns Hopkins University in 1953. He continued studying in England after receiving his Ph.D. at the

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Remember When ?

Campus Safety halts festivities

FILE PHOTO

On Oct. 16, 1999 Campus Safety set a precedent, closing down the Chi Psi farm party for exceeding Bundy Dining Hall's capacity and allowing underage drinking. Less than a year later under a more stringent alcohol and social policy, students are learning to live with tighter administrative policies.

Two parties in one weekend in Annex, yet no major incidents

by Ashley Lee '02
NEWS WRITER

Campus erupted this past weekend: football, alumni, and the first parties in social spaces this year.

So, after all of the complaints that, "No one is going to have parties on campus," the unbelievable happened. There were two parties held in the Annex this past weekend. A Stryker party was held on Friday night and a DU party on Saturday night.

Overall, the responses from the Hamilton community were positive.

Representatives from both organizations explained that the parties were successes; not only were they enjoyable, but also they were in accordance with the new alcohol policy changes.

Ted Valenti '01, a member of Delta Upsilon and the Committee on Social Programming Guidelines, explained, "The party went well. I think it shows that when students take responsibility, parties can be fun and safe at the same time." Valenti went on to explain, "Even now, with the new changes to the policy, good parties can still occur on campus."

Justin Camilo '02 and Lisa Binder '01 were building monitors in the Beinecke Student Village this past weekend and they both agreed that the parties were relatively under control.

According to Camilo and Binder, the controlled nature of the parties was associated with both the mandated use of bracelets to isolate students who were 21 years-old and could legally be served, and the presence of the Student Events Staff (the student security force). Valenti aggreed that the Student Events Staff was a great help in monitoring the party, highlighting Jim Fog for his work at the party.

As far as problems at the parties, there were some minor ones noted, but none of the problems were as significant as those seen last semester. They included a false fire alarm, damage to a centrex phone in Beinecke Student Village, and students trying to transport alcohol from the Annex into other parts of Beinecke.

Binder explained that the size of the Annex makes it difficult to monitor all areas at one time.

"The Annex is an inappropriate place to hold large parties, mainly because of its proximity to Beinecke. In North Court, very little damage could occur because there was not a lot of furniture and windows. In the Annex, there is increased potential for damage," she said.

Beverly Low, director of student activities, explained that the social host's responsibility of monitoring guests extends beyond the Annex into the rest of Beinecke. The society and the social host are liable for the damage that occurred this weekend.

Overall, however, Low was positive about the outcome of the parties. As the administrator on call, she was pleased that there were no alcohol-related emergency calls. The regulations established concerning the serving of alcohol must have worked and prevented people from drinking too much at the party.

When asked about monitoring alcohol consumption, Valenti explained that the Student Events Staff was a huge help. Also, all of the servers at the party were TIPS trained. In fact, to ensure that there would be enough people serving and observing the party, DU and ATX worked together. ATX sisters, who were also TIPS trained, helped serve. Valenti extended gratitude to these people who helped make the party safe. Valenti also explained his views on the Annex as a social space. He, like Binder, had some concerns about the use of the Annex for parties with alcohol.

"The Annex is a new space and people are not sure what to expect. I think that for our first party of the year, the brothers did a good job of taking responsibility for their actions and their guests. As the year goes on, societies will get a better idea of how to handle party situations in the Annex. Also, the enforcement of rules (such as keeping alcohol inside the Annex) is sure to improve," he said.

Valenti believes that the success of these parties should show

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First parties incident free

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the administration that the students can be responsible. He hopes that the administration will see that there is no need for such strict policies, and that some changes should be made in the future.

Low agreed with Valenti that there is room for change in the policy. She explained that the Committee on Social Programming Guidelines has already been successful in implementing one change in the policy. Now, on Wednesday and Thursday nights, the Annex may hold up to 250 people, whereas previously only 100 were allowed. Both Low and Valenti agree that the policy is not flawless. Low explained that this semester is a "test drive" and next semester the policy could be re-evaluated. Valenti supported the notion that nothing is irrevocable. Clearly, the administration is willing to consider students' concerns.

Valenti explained, "Low is our ticket to the administration; she wants to help us improve the social life and we should work with her, not against her."

With no big problems noted this past weekend and one change already made in the Alcohol Policy, it seems like Hamilton students and administrators are beginning to agree on some issues. Safety is always the first concern; both the administration and the social hosts agree on that. It appears, however, that fun has not been completely compromised. Perhaps, Hamilton will have a wet winter after all.

In the wake of Tatum's lecture

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Kirkland Project coordinator, agrees, "The first step is discussion. The first step for whites is not being afraid to talk about it. Building identity consciousness is not separate from building community." The Kirkland Project will use a portion of its budget to help fund the discussion group.

Bradberry agrees that people need a place they feel comfortable to discuss questions, but says many times improving community relationships is a simple matter of who you're friends with, "Some people who complain about diversity go sit down at a table with all white students. I find that problematic. We need to find ways to increase the level of interaction." She hopes the group will have multiracial meetings and activities as well.

In addition to providing a place for discussion, Keller hopes that the group will motivate some people into action, "You can be a passive racist and still be a racist. Hopefully, through this group, we'll have many more people going out into the world as active antiracists."

Hamilton graduate receives prize for molecular biology

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University of London, Cambridge University, and the National Institute of Medical Research. Greenberg has also served as the director of biochemical research at the Geigy Research laboratories and as the Henry Bronson Professor at Yale University.

Greengard described his interest in biophysics as being motivated by ethical issues.

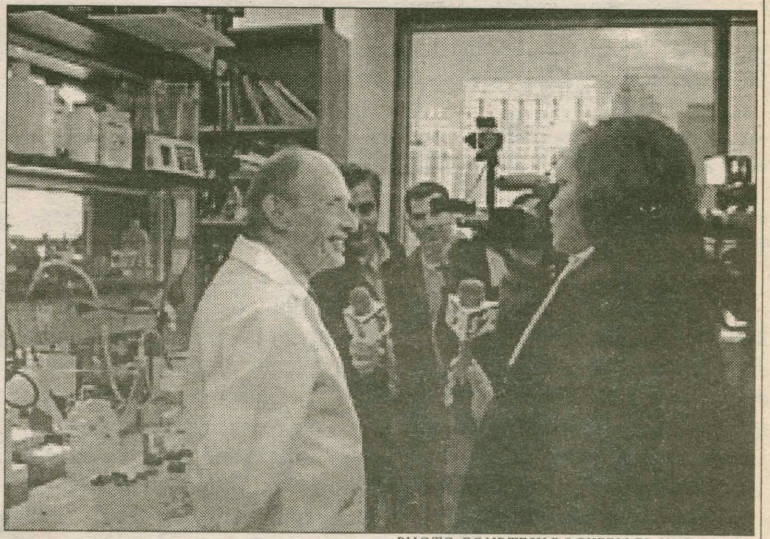
"In my earlier career I studied theoretical physics and mathematics," he said. "At that time the only way to get funding for graduate school really was to get fellowships from the Atomic Energy Commission. That wasn't too many years after the atomic bomb was developed. I didn't feel comforatable working in an area where my research could be used in such a way; so I became interested in the medical physics field."

Greengard's past awards include the 1989 Bristol-Myers Award for Distinguished Achievement in Neuroscience Research, the 1993 New York Academy of Sciences Award, the 1995 Hamilton Alumni Achievement Medal, the 1996 Biochemical Society Thudichum Medal, the 1997 Charles A. Dana Award for Pioneering Achievements, the 1998 Metropolitan Life Foundation Award for Medical Research, and the 1999 Ellison Medical Foundation Senior Scholar Award.

Last year's recipient of the Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine was awarded to a colleague of Greengard, Günter Blobel, also of the Rockefeller University.

In a press conference Greengard announced that he will be donating his prize money to a fund at Rockefeller University which supports an annual award to "an excellent woman in biomedical research... selected by a committee of the most outstanding women scientists in the world."

Currently, Greengard lives with his wife Ursula von Rydingsvard in New York City.



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Paul Greengard answers questions regarding his award. Greengard will be allocating his prize money to a fund which recognizes women's contributions in biomedical research.

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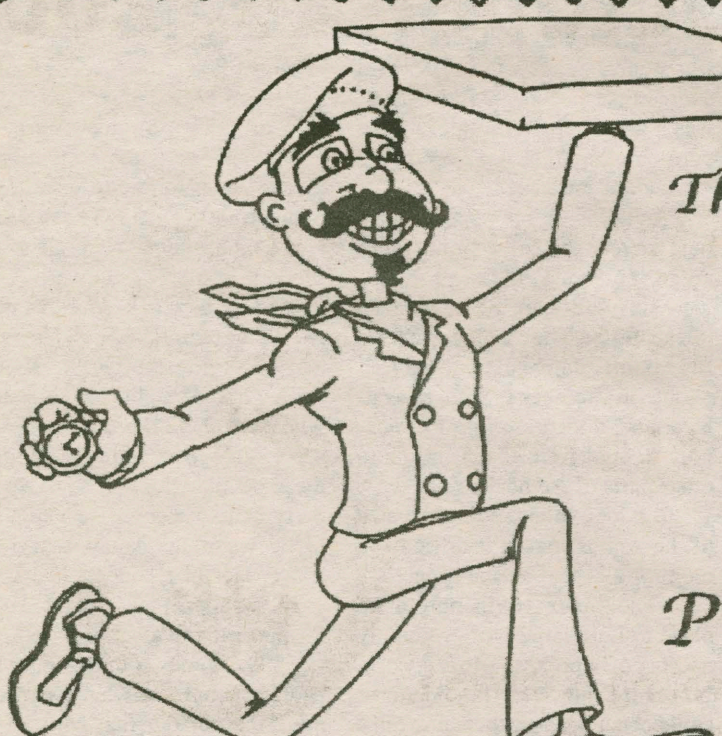

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ITS debuts online tool for class enhancement

by Ashley Lee '02
NEWS WRITER

This past summer, Hamilton chose to add an online academic site entitled "CourseInfo" to its communication technologies. CourseInfo, designed by the company *My Blackboard*, is one of many available Course Management Systems, but according to Nikki Reynolds, assistant director for ITS, Instructional Technological Services, CourseInfo is attractive because it provides a solid mix of simplicity and power.

The college experimented with other Course Management Systems, such as WebCt, which Colgate University uses, but concluded that Course Info was the most suitable option.

The CourseInfo site has a number of features including online discussion boards, assignment sheets, and electronic course documents. Professors can also use this site to post lecture notes, new assignments, grades, and quizzes.

The CourseInfo site can also be used for interactive student discussions. Unlike a listserv, this site enables students to link from one another and connect to each other's thoughts. Satya Mohanty, a visiting professor from Cornell, expressed his views about why these discussion threads are essential. He said, "If you care about the discussion process, a site like this is indispensable." He also explained that these forums encourage students to continue class discussions and express their views online.

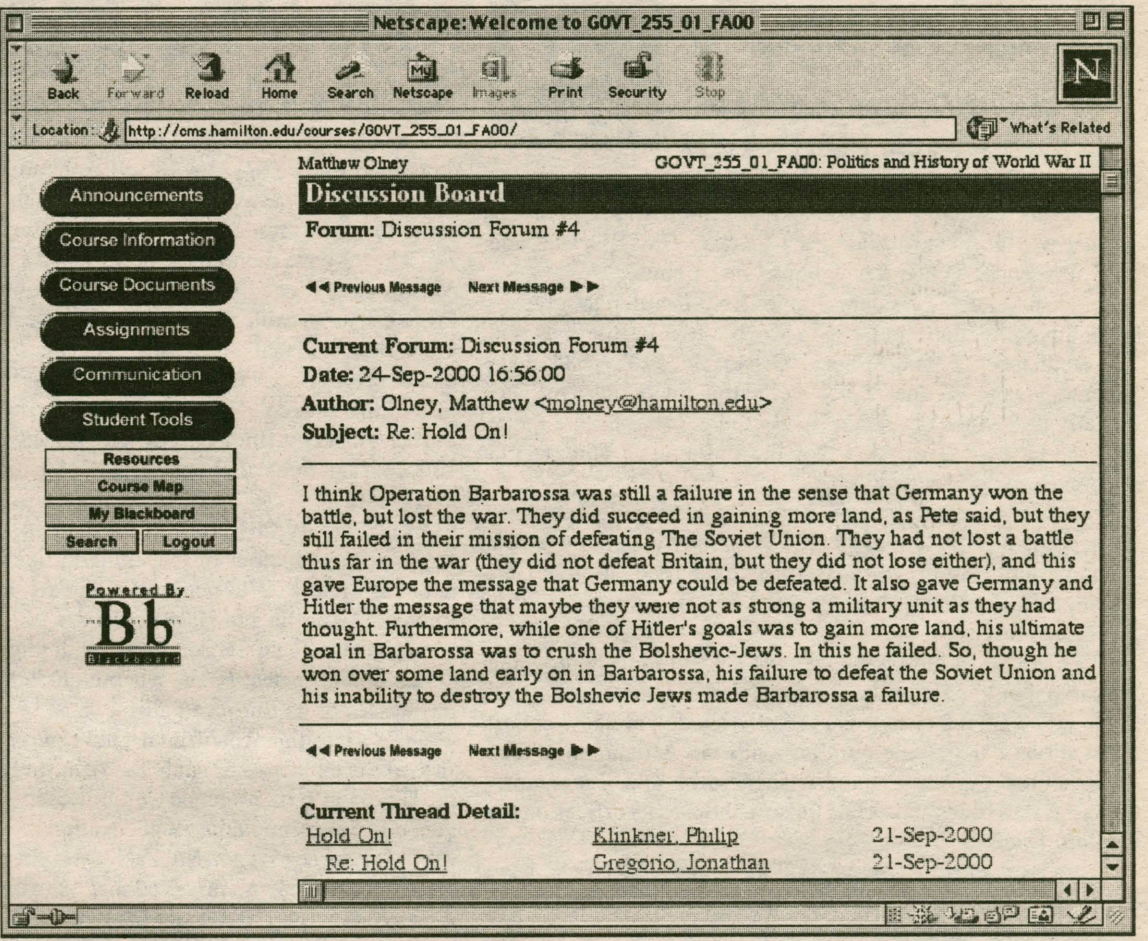
The CourseInfo site is available to the entire academic community (both students and faculty). Currently, almost one-third of the faculty are using the site in at least one of their classes. The response from faculty has been strong. Ted Eismeier, Professor of Government, agreed that "CourseInfo is a useful tool." He explained that he uses it "primarily to communicate with students between classes."

The discussion board is particularly beneficial for classes that only meet once a week. This way, thinking about major themes does not end when class ends. It keeps students fresh and on top of their assignments. The students also seem to be excited about the new CourseInfo site. In fact, Nikki Reynolds explained that some faculty members have recently decided to get involved because of student's requests.

Overall, it seems that responses thus far have been positive. ITS is pleased with the number of faculty who have decided to incorporate some aspect of the CourseInfo site into their curriculum.

In the future, it is hoped that more faculty members will decide to try out these new options. This does raise some important questions. For example, what will happen in the future to classes, as we know them today? Will class time be replaced by virtual online chats? Will students become disenfranchised from their professors and the classroom?

Eismeier agrees that these concerns are valid, and he offers a good perspective on the use of these Course Management Systems. He explains, "Although I am skeptical about distance learning and asynchronous learning, I do think CourseInfo will help make the business of coursework more efficient so we can concentrate on what Hamilton does best—reading, writing, and arguing about important issues."



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Matthew Olney GOVT_255_01_FA00: Politics and History of World War II

Discussion Board

Forum: Discussion Forum #4

Current Forum: Discussion Forum #4
Date: 24-Sep-2000 16:56:00
Author: Olney, Matthew <molney@hamilton.edu>
Subject: Re: Hold On!

I think Operation Barbarossa was still a failure in the sense that Germany won the battle, but lost the war. They did succeed in gaining more land, as Pete said, but they still failed in their mission of defeating The Soviet Union. They had not lost a battle thus far in the war (they did not defeat Britain, but they did not lose either), and this gave Europe the message that Germany could be defeated. It also gave Germany and Hitler the message that maybe they were not as strong a military unit as they had thought. Furthermore, while one of Hitler's goals was to gain more land, his ultimate goal in Barbarossa was to crush the Bolshevic-Jews. In this he failed. So, though he won over some land early on in Barbarossa, his failure to defeat the Soviet Union and his inability to destroy the Bolshevic Jews made Barbarossa a failure.

Current Thread Detail:

Hold On!	Klinkner, Philip	21-Sep-2000
Re: Hold On!	Gregorio, Jonathan	21-Sep-2000

Using CourseInfo professors can extend discussions beyond the time constraints of class time. Over one-third of faculty are using the system with overall positive response from students.

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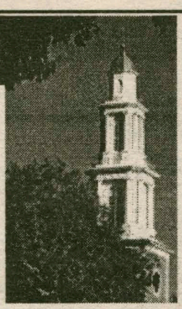


THE NEWS AT COLLEGES ACROSS THE LAND

Compiled By Sarah Karalunas '04

Alum couple donates $2M to U. Pennsylvania LGBT Center

(U-WIRE) PHILADELPHIA — Two University of Pennsylvania graduates have donated $2 million to the University that will go toward giving the Lesbian Gay Bisexual and Transgender Center a new home on campus.

University President Judith Rodin will publicly announce the donation — made by life partners David Goodhand, 37, and Vincent Griski, 36, both 1985 Penn graduates —Wednesday at the National Coming Out Day rally in Wynn Commons.

"In a way, we feel that the building is coming out tomorrow," Goodhand said.

The gift is unique in higher education philanthropy because it is the first of its kind to directly benefit an LGBT community, and it will help finance the renovation of Carriage House, located at the west end of campus at 3905 Spruce Street.

The $2 million gift kicks off a $5 million fundraising campaign to pay for the Carriage House renovations.

The LGBT Center is currently located at 3537 Locust Walk and shares the building with the African American Resource Center and the Management and Technology Program offices. The LGBT Center houses its offices on the third floor.

Over the last few years, Goodhand and Griski have worked with the center and have become aware of the center's lack of space.

Goodhand, a retired Microsoft executive, and Griski, a former Wall Street analyst, approached the administration about finding more space for the center.

The Carriage House, which is two stories and is much larger than the space available at 3537 Locust Walk, was selected as the ideal spot for the Center's new home.

This center will be the first of its kind on a college campus.

Wrongly failed Minn. grads honored

ST. PAUL, Minn. (AP) — Classmates by misfortune, 17 people who were denied high school diplomas because of a test-scoring error that affected thousands of students were honored Wednesday with a special ceremony at the Capitol.

It was a graduation in every sense, with a brass band, flashing cameras and tearful parents. Officials called the 25-minute event a "recognition ceremony" because most students received their diplomas soon after the mistakes were announced in July.

Instead of diplomas, Gov. Jesse Ventura issued personally signed certificates for students he called "innocent victims."

"Get stronger from it," he told them.

Minnesota education officials say 54 high school seniors were denied their diplomas because of a mistake a private testing firm made on 47,000 math exams. In all, 7,989 students in eighth through 12th grades incorrectly received failing grades because National Computer Systems Inc. used the wrong "correct" answers in grading six questions.

Gore pushes college plan in Fla.

BRADENTON, Fla. (AP) — Al Gore said Tuesday his plan to expand college tuition tax breaks would dramatically increase students' access to higher education without leaving them saddled with debt.

AP

Gore answers a question posed by third-year political science student at a meeting on tax cuts for higher education.

The vice president made his comments as he divided his day between debate preparation and campaigning in an important state where he is threatening Republican George W. Bush's expectations of victory.

In focusing on education, he was emphasizing an issue that traditionally works well for Democrats but on which Bush has made inroads this year.

"I'd like to make the first two years of college pretty much an expectation," Gore said at Manatee Community College. "Education in this day and time should not stop with the 12th grade."

The Democrat was pushing his proposal to give families back 28 percent of up to $10,000 in college tuition, saying that students for too long have been forced to rely on loans that leave them saddled with debt upon graduation.

"We have overdone our reliance on student loans," Gore said. "By the time they graduate, they've got a huge debt."

WORLD NEWS

Compiled By
Sarah Karalunas '04

French warn of U.S. spy network

PARIS (AP) — A parliamentary report published Wednesday urged France to protect itself from an alleged U.S.-led eavesdropping network, which it claims Washington is using to snoop on the businesses of its European allies.

The 80-page report by the National Assembly's defense commission alleged that no form of communication, from fax to e-mail to cable, is safe from the so-called Echelon spy network. It said that businesses, particularly European companies with American competitors, were the principal targets of the alleged electronic snooping ring.

Lawmaker Arthur Paecht said the network has at least 120 spy satellites that intercept ''180 million messages every hour.''

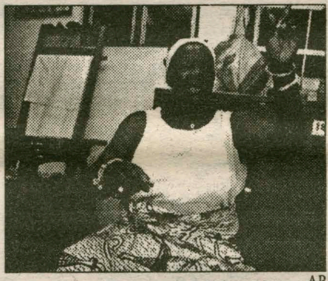
In February, a European Parliament set up a special probe into Echelon in July. Denmark, like France, set up a national inquiry. The network allegedly includes Britain, Canada, Australia and New Zealand.

Last month, an EU committee said it wants U.S. intelligence chiefs to testify on whether Echelon spies on the businesses of its European allies.

U.S. intelligence officials have never publicly confirmed the existence of such a system. In testimony before the U.S. House Intelligence Committee in April, top intelligence officials, including U.S. National Security Agency head, Air Force Lt. Gen. Michael V. Hayden, denied reports the United States was involved in spying on Europeans and Americans as part of a snooping network.

Ivory Coast finds solace in craft

ABIDJAN, Ivory Coast (AP) — The talisman's power is strong, she insists, smiling through eyes tinged a milky yellow by malaria. The cost is just a reflection of its quality.



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Ntaye Adike Abiaty ticks off her payment for the protective charm and the talisman on one hand.

Counting on one hand, Adike Abiaty then ticks off her payment for the protective charm: $65, a sheep, a bottle of gin and three large squares of fabric. It's an astronomical sum by the standards of the working class Abidjan neighborhood where she has her small office, more than most people earn in months.

But the customers are lining up.

In a country caught at the nexus of military, economic and political turmoil, where soldiers mutiny over unpaid bonuses, commodity prices bounce around near record lows and residents worry that an upcoming announcement on who can run in Oct. 22 presidential elections could bring widespread unrest, an ancient craft is booming: the making of protective talismans.

In a time of fear, Abiaty and others like her can offer something that the military government, with its thuggish security forces known more for extorting bribes than looking after Ivory Coast's citizens, cannot.

Penguins saved from oil spill OK

CAPE TOWN, South Africa (AP) — After pausing briefly on a Cape Town beach, 15 newly released African penguins plunged into the chilly Atlantic Ocean on Wednesday, their dives marking the end of the world's largest penguin rescue operation.

The 15 birds were the last of 19,000 penguins smeared by oil spilled from a tanker that sank June 23 off Cape Town's coast. Volunteers and experts cleaned and fed the birds until they gained enough strength to return home.

A further 19,500 unsoiled penguins were captured, driven about eight hours up the coast to the town of Port Elizabeth and released to swim home, which gave authorities time to clean up the spill.

Officials hailed the rescue as a resounding success.

"This is history in the making," Joyce Mabudafhasi, the deputy environment minister, said Wednesday.

In 1994, when South Africa suffered its last major oil spill, nearly half the captured birds died, she said. The death rate this time was 10.3 percent, she said, "making this the most successful and biggest rescue operation ever."

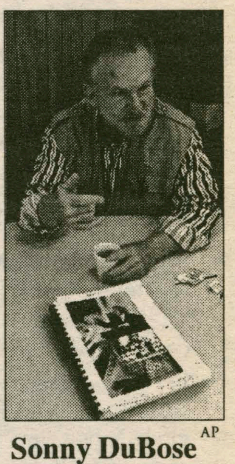
Some 43,000 volunteers helped care for the penguins, which were hand-fed 400 tons of fish, according to the Southern African National Foundation for the Conservation of Coastal Birds.

NATIONAL NEWS

Compiled By
Sarah Karalunas '04

Civil rights leader's name cleared

SUMMERTON, S.C. (AP) — The state dropped its more than four-decades-old arrest warrant Tuesday against the Rev. Joseph Armstrong DeLaine, the desegregation leader who died in exile from his native South Carolina 26 years ago.



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Sonny DuBose wrote a manuscript on the late Rev. Joseph Armstrong DeLaine.

DeLaine fled the state 45 years ago to the day Tuesday after nightriders fired shots at his home and he fired back fearing for his life. He was charged with assault and battery.

DeLaine had helped file one of five lawsuits that led to the 1954 Brown v. Board of Education ruling declaring school segregation unconstitutional.

His support for the cause made him the target of racism. His Summerton house was burned and his parsonage was vandalized. DeLaine's son, Joe DeLaine Jr., said that when his father reported the vandalism, the minister was told he had better watch out for himself.

On Tuesday, state Rep. Alex Harvin, who worked to get the warrant removed, said to the younger DeLaine: "I ask you to accept your father's good name back."

Scientists find planet-sized balls

WASHINGTON (AP) — Scientists are rethinking some basic theories about planets after astronomers found 18 planet-sized gas balls drifting free in a star field some 1,200 light years from Earth.

Experts wonder whether faint objects of this size, which have never before been detected, are failed stars or planets without a sun, said Maria Rosa Zapatero Osorio of California Institute of Technology in Pasadena, Calif.

"Everybody agrees with our mass determination of these objects, but what we should call them is not decided yet," said Osorio. "There is a nomenclature problem."

Osorio is lead author of a study appearing Friday in the journal Science.

The objects don't meet the classic definition of a planet because they are free-floating and nomadic instead of being locked into the orbit of a star, like the Earth and its sister planets in the solar system.

The smallest of the 18 objects has mass equal to 5 to 8 Jupiters, the largest is 13 to 15 Jupiter masses. This puts the largest on the edge of being a brown dwarf, an object between 15 and 75 times the mass of Jupiter.

"We have observed them in the very early stages of evolution," said Osorio.

Mayor wants booze at Utah olympics

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Mayor Rocky Anderson wants Utah lawmakers to change state liquor laws to make it easier to get a drink during the 2002 Olympic Games.

The mayor on Tuesday said he may urge the mostly Republican state Legislature to drop laws that ban wine sales in supermarkets and require membership in private clubs.

Grocery stores in Utah sell 3.2-percent alcohol beer. Stronger beer, wine and liquor are sold only in state-run shops. Beer and wine also are available at restaurants and taverns, but getting into a bar for a drink requires membership or a sponsor. Temporary memberships cost about $5.

Anderson, a Democrat, and the Salt Lake Organizing Committee are working on a compromise "beer garden" next to the downtown medals plaza, which is now off-limits for alcohol consumption.

Restrictions on the sale of alcohol reflect Utah's religious makeup. Ninety percent of religious adherents in the state are Mormons, whose beliefs shun alcohol use.

"There's no need to change the laws to promote alcohol use," said George Van Komen, a Salt Lake physician and member of the national Council on Alcohol Problems.

Last year, a French International Olympic Committee official complained that he and his wine could never be parted. The IOC coordination commission even asked Salt Lake organizers to request "with great respect" that Utah authorities allow unfettered alcohol sales in the main press center.

Marty Stephens, speaker of the Utah House of Representatives, said lawmakers aren't closed to changes.

EDITORIAL

It has come to our attention this week that some faculty members have once again been discussing whether or not student-athletes should be allowed to miss class because of a sporting event.

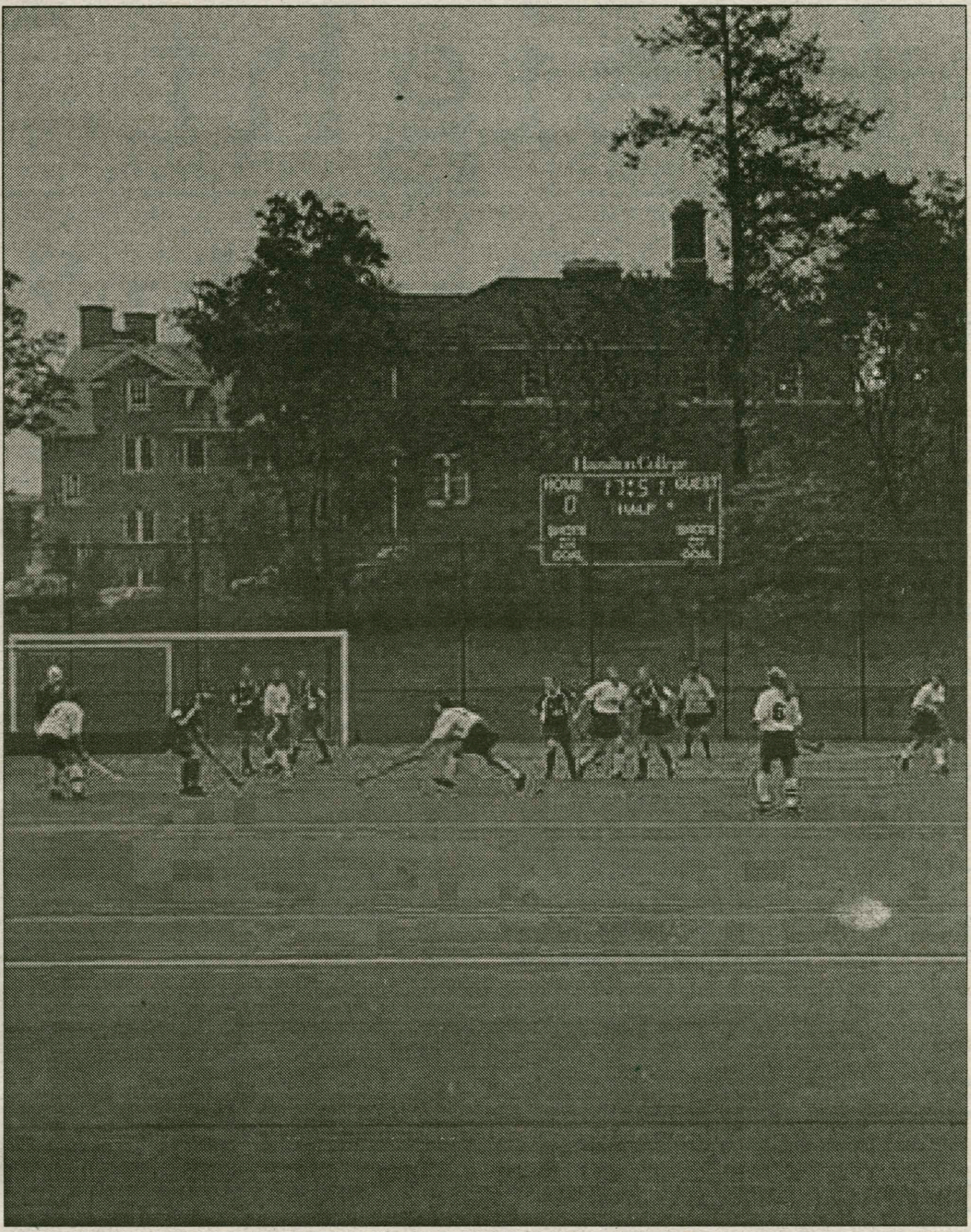
The line between academics and athletics at Hamilton has often been a tenuous one. Some professors are very supportive of athletics at Hamilton and attend sporting events with their spouses or children. However, there are many faculty members who have a firm dislike for student-athletes and for Hamilton's athletic department as a whole.

It is understandable that some professors believe their class is very important and that it should occupy a large amount of a student's time. But student-athletes at Hamilton devote a large amount of time to both their studies and to their athletic teams and to penalize a student for missing class because of a game or meet seems both unfair and irrational.

All Hamilton students must sign the Honor Code and whether that document means as much today as it did, say 30 years ago, is a question administrators must give serious attention. For example, if the Honor Code means anything, why do some professors still insist on proctoring exams? But if a student is forced to sign the Honor Code professors should have no problem allowing students take an exam without supervision or rescheduling an exam for a student-athlete if he or she is forced to be absent on that day due to an athletic contest.

Hamilton's own Web page touts the school's commitment to athletics and academics. The college boasts, "Hamilton is interested in developing the whole person and believes firmly that a strong mind and a strong body are mutually reinforcing. . . At Hamilton, athletics is viewed as an extension of the classroom. Most full-time coaches have faculty rank and are seen as teachers concerned as much with developing an effective backhand or a consistent follow-through as with cultivating attributes that will assist students personally and professionally in their lives after graduation."

The fact that certain professors have a problem with students missing class because of athletic contests is disturbing. Do these professors believe that an athletic contest is less important than other activities? Are they stereotyping athletes as being slackers? These professors might be surprised to find out how many scholar athletes we have at Hamilton.



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The Staff of *The Spectator* would like to congratulate the newly elected Student Assembly, Honor Court and J-Board members from the Class of 2004:

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Editor's Notes:

- ***In last week's editorial we erroniously stated that "Trustees throw money at CAB" and "CAB is given $78,000" while in fact CAB was allocated approximately $78,000 this semester, the money was allocated through the Student Assembly funding process.***
- ***Last week's article entitled "Student Assaulted in Little Pub: assailant arrested & expelled" the student voluntarily withdrew from Hamilton.***

Insight & Ideas

Saint Dorothy?

Maurice Isserman

"Many people think that Dorothy Day is a saint and that she will someday be canonized" left-wing journalist Dwight Macdonald wrote in 1952 in the very first sentence of an admiring *New Yorker* profile. Day was in her mid-50s when Macdonald recorded this prediction. A journalist herself, a covert to socialism in her youth and to Catholicism in her 30s, she was a founder and moving spirit of the Catholic Worker movement. Following Day's example and teachings (and those of her collaborator Peter Maurin), hundreds of Catholic Worker volunteers devoted themselves to living among, sheltering, and feeding the poor on the Lower East Side of New York City and in dozens of other communities across the United States.

And, in what turned out to be its most lasting importance, the Catholic Worker inspired and trained several generations of dedicated and talented young activists and intellectuals who would carry its tradition of social justice advocacy from its "houses of hospitality" in urban slums into the church, the labor movement, the universities, the antiwar movement and other religious and secular reform causes. There were any number of radical Catholics who preceded Dorothy Day, but Catholic radicalism in the United Sates was largely her invention.

Dorothy Day died in 1980, still ministering to the poor. And in March the Vatican announced that it was ready to consider the case for her canonization. If, after due consideration, church authorities decide that there is evidence that she performed at least one authenticated miracle, the Pope can declare her "blessed"; two authenticated miracles make her a candidate for sainthood.

What Dorothy Day would think of all this has been a matter of intense speculation among her admirers. Completely secure in her own faith, she could be quite acerbic about excess of piety. "We Catholics talk about the saints and the martyrs," she told Macdonald, "but I've heard it said that the Catholic Workers are made up of saints, and the martyrs are those who are willing to live with the saints."

Day would certainly prove a refreshing contrast to the stereotype of the meek and unassuming female saint. She lacked neither self-confidence nor self-assertiveness. Michael Harrington, a Catholic Worker alumnus who would go on to fame as the author of *The Other America,* recalled of his years at the Worker in the early fifties, "Whenever we made a decision we all had a completely democratic discussion, and then Dorothy made up her mind." Or, as Tom Cornell, a Catholic Worker and Vietnam War draft resister, once remarked, "Dorothy wanted to be an anarchist but only if she got to be the anarch."

The canonization process can be a lengthy one. To nudge matters along, I'd like to suggest at least one miracle that can be attributed to Dorothy Day - though it may not fit the criteria considered by the Vatican's Congregation for the Causes of Saints. And that is that she got away with it. In the grimmest years of the cold war and McCarthyism, while Francis Cardinal Spellman of New York was flying off to Korea to bless the guns that were slaughtering the Communist Antichrist, Day and her fellow Catholic Workers were demonstrating against the Korean War and counseling draft resisters.

By the mid-fifties, Day was getting herself arrested in protests against mandatory civil defense drills, an experiment in civil disobedience that would in a few years' time embarrass the authorities into abandoning the annual drills and would also serve as an inspiration to the civil rights and anti-war protests of the sixties. The FBI and the New York Chancery (the administrative offices of the diocese of New York) monitored Day's activism with disapproval.

On one occasion she was summoned by the chancery and ordered either to cease publication of the Catholic Worker's monthly newspaper or drop the word "Catholic" from its title. A devout daughter of the church and a shrewd campaigner, Day vowed to moderate the paper's outspoken radicalism - and then carried on as before as an advocate of all her favorite radical causes.

If Day's canonization goes through, will that mean the American left will have its own patron saint? Not all radicals will want to acknowledge her as such (and I don't just mean those of us outside the Catholic fold). When it came to public issues of moral consequence, like preparations for the nuclear war, Day would often push the envelope. But as far as the church's teachings on personal morality went, she was absolutely obedient. The sexual libertarianism of the sixties appalled her, and throughout her life she did penance for an abortion she'd had as a young woman. Nor did she ever question the sexual hierarchy of the Church. An influential and pioneering leader, she was no feminist.

But if we hold our heroines and heroes, never mind our saints, to a standard demanding personal and political perfection, we will never find anyone worthy of celebration and emulation. And besides, think how much Day's canonization will annoy Pat Buchanan. I'm rooting for Saint Dorothy.

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Tom Cornell, a member of the Catholic Worker movement for nearly half a century, knew Dorothy Day quite well, having worked with her from 1953 until her death in 1980. A veteran campaigner for social justice, peace, and civil rights, Cornell lives at the Catholic Worker's Peter Maurin Farm Community in Marlboro, New York. He will be speaking on "Memories of Dorothy Day and teh Catholic Worker" at Cafe Opus, at 8 p.m., Thursday November 19th. The event is sponsored by the Levitt Center and the Newman Chaplaincy. All are welcome.

Establishing a Community

Seth O'Bryan

In order for the Hamilton community to grow as a whole in all spheres of life, we need you to be an active participant in what happens here. This means finding how your voice can be heard, how you can express your views and help improve the quality of life here in an academic and social setting. We are all members of the same community: professors, administrators, physical plant, secretaries, services such as the career center, health center, the list goes on.

We live in and share the same place; ideally we are a community, and in a deeper sense we are a family. It's hard to think of tangible ways to improve the quality of life here and the relationships between people, but there are so many little ways one can make a difference. On that note, I urge you to attend the Town Hall Meeting this Monday in the Annex. This is a chance for your voice to be heard and at the same time, the rest of the community to learn from you, to know you.

It's not very often that there is an open forum for us to come together where people of all kinds can speak their views and be heard. I know it is a small step, a very small step to improving things. At the same time there are many reasons why a Town Hall Meeting can be a valuable experience.

First, just by coming to the meeting you will be focused on Hamilton. You will be thinking of your outlook on the school and the community at large. Second, it's a chance to meet other people who might feel the same way you do about things, people you wouldn't normally meet. Third, as previously mentioned, it is an opportunity for your voice to be heard by the members of Student Assembly, who will be in attendance.

The Student Assembly is here to represent you, the student, and the best way for them to do that is to hear you talk about what you think and feel about this campus. If there is something you want to complain about, something you want changed, or, even better, an idea you have to improve our community, come share it. If you are busy or stressed with work, just come for a while to listen and contemplate our school. If you live off campus, take the opportunity, make the drive and see if it's worth it.

We are a community, and as I mentioned above, that includes more than just students. Students are only a part of this special place, and each part is as valuable and important as the other. This meeting might not make much of a difference, but there is chance it will put us in the right direction. There is a chance views will be shared, ideas discussed, and visions put forth. If nothing else, our community will be enhanced.

Set the precedent for the year, come to the meeting to discuss or just listen. I ask all of you out there to come. It is a start, and it is an open place for any member to say what they think. Think of the growth we could have if people come to discuss and share ideas, people from different sides and viewpoints of Hamilton. We can work together to build a better and stronger community.

So come to the Annex Monday night at 9PM and share your thoughts, whether you are a professor, secretary, coach, maintenance worker, or student. Make the effort, because it is our community, it is yours as much as the next person's. It is time for all of us to step forward and work together. I hope to see you Monday night.

I Agree! Hillary's Not Your Average Carpetbagger

Ned Marcalus

To the United States, Hillary Rodham Clinton represents a direct association with an administration that has an alarming disrespect for the U.S. Constitution. But to New York she represents the failed economic policies of liberal democrats that put this state into an economic decline during the 1970's through the1990's.

The issue is not only that Hillary Clinton's a carpetbagger running for the New York Senate seat, but also the greater fact she's associated with Democratic policies, that have failed to work in this state. Mrs. Clinton's a candidate who's been supported by an old liberal elite that's tried since their defeat in 1994 to re-market themselves; pathetically with young statist ambition such as Andrew Cuomo (The Son of Mario Cuomo and a possible Pataki opponent in 2002). To set the record straight and not be accused of political smearing we must look at the realities, not the misleading political glorification of a canidate who's never been elected to another office in her home states of Illinois and Arkansas.

New York in the mid-1970's through the first half of the 1990's experienced an economic decline of significant proportion as a result of over-taxation and regulation placed upon the states' industries. These high taxes led to the mass exodus of corporate money fleeing upstate New York to settle in free enterprise environments down south and abroad, leaving numbers of people in cities such as Buffalo and Utica unem-

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A Broad Perspective from Jordan

Joseph Livingston

Jordan. The mention of this country in the US media is rare and usually only in regards to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict and Jordan's recent peace (1994) with Israel. However, the reality of Jordan and its people and the conflicts of the nation are not at all limited to the peace process. Jordan is a constantly changing and highly dynamic country of 5 million people.

While the peace process is a fundamental issue in a country where the majority of citizens are Palestinian, there are numerous other issues that deserve considerable attention in understanding Jordan. In the areas of Westernization versus traditionalism, East Bankers versus West Bankers, and the issue over democratization, some of the most important features of the Jordanian society become present.

Westernization versus Traditionalism

On one street near the University of Jordan, one will find McDonalds, Burger King, Dunkin Donuts, Baskin Robbins, Pizza Hut, Popeye's, and numerous internet café's. Men and women walk down the street together talking; tight clothes and fashion are easily found, and the air takes on a buzz even at midnight that is reminiscent of New York or perhaps Tel Aviv.

However, such images are deceiving. Looking deeper, one will also observe women with heads covered walking down the street, eating at the McDonald's, and checking email in the internet cafes. A few of these women have their heads covered in a way that only there eyes are revealed.

Across the street, the Mosque at the University of Jordan is the tallest structure. Between the Western businesses are local establishments selling schwarma (sliced lamb and humous in pita) and falafel, stores selling only Arabic literature, magazines, and books, and small shops selling coffee and tea to cab drivers. In the evening, nearly the entire visible population is male.

Rhami Khoury, a prominent media personality, writer and historian from Amman remarked that in Jordan, there is a "clear process of change and continuity." He explained that Jordan is a land where tradition and modernity coalesce side by side each other.

While the west has clearly had an increasing influence on the lives of Jordanians, there are simultaneously vigorous efforts by many to maintain and even reimplement the traditional values and routines of the tribal and Bedouin life that is the country's entrenched background. Khoury noted that there is a "base of transmitted values from one generation to the next."

Distant social relations between men and women, unrevealing clothing, limited freedom for women outside of the house, strong family networks, tribal identity, Arabic language, Islam, and other customary behaviors remain at the center of the lives of the Arabs who live here.

In fact Khoury says that these traditional values are in fact more appealing to local peoples. The University and other modern districts are a perfect place to observe the contrast, but in many more conservative districts and cities, there is little evidence at all to believe that Western ideals and values have yet to make their mark. The political dynamic, to be discussed later provides cleared evidence of this trend.

East Bank meets West Bank

If you have never heard of the East Bank and just assumed that the West Bank stood alone with nothing on the other side, you probably won't be the first to draw such a conclusion. However, the East and West Bank refer to the two sides of the Jordan river valley. The West Bank is now shared between the Palestinian autonomous areas and the Israeli occupied territories including settlements. The East Bank refers to land within Jordan on the East of the natural political divide of the Jordan river.

The term East Bank in Jordan takes on a very strong meaning. East Bank Jordanians are Jordanian citizens who were a part of TransJordan before the influx of Palestinian refugees swarmed the country in 1948 after Israel declared its independence, even more dramatically in 1967 when, Israel occupied the West Bank and annexed it into the Israeli state, and most recently when Palestinians living in the Gulf Countries were forced out and fled to Jordan due to their support of Suddam Hussein in the Gulf War.

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Jordan is the only Arab country that has been willing to offer the Palestinians citizenship in their country. The influx of refugees has completely changed the demography of Jordan to a state where now (estimates vary dramatically) more than 50% of the population consists of Palestinian refugees or West Bankers.

East Bankers see themselves as the true Jordanians. They are much more closely alligned with the Hashemite Kingdome than the Palestinians. In a country where unemployment can reach close to 30% and where the Palestinians have traditionally been a highly educated populace, the East Bankers see the Palestinians as a threat. One East Bank Jordanian remarked that there are really three types of people in Jordan: 1) The East Bank Jordanians (also known as Jordanian-Jordanian), 2) The Bedouins and original occupants of Jordan who continue to seek their traditional way of live and traditional values, and 3) The less civilized passer byes, people who are simply here from other areas and will eventually leave (a reference to the Palestinians).

Doug Silliman, Head of the political section of the US embassy in Amman, reiterated this sentiment. He noted that the East Bankers really still view the Palestinians as guests.

For the Palestinians living in Jordan, it is a constant struggle to gain full recognition of rights in a country where they represent a clear majority of the population (Mr. Silliman estimates the number to be 70%). Particularly disturbing for Palestinians is the fact that they are still viewed as guests when they are so entrenched in the society, having formed huge cities and towns, working in all areas of the labor force, receiving Jordanian education, and participating in every aspect of civic and religious life.

Mr. Silliman explained the delusional nature of the East Bank Jordanians in believing that all of the Palestinians will simply go to a new Palestinian state or try to return to their old homelands in Haifa or Jaffa. His prediction is that only a small percentage will return and thus the Palestinian presence and dominance in Jordan is not likely to change in the foreseeable future.

The conflict has caused considerable tangential issues. The decision of King Hussein not to support the allied forces in the Gulf War caused the Kingdom to lose substantial amounts of aid from the US. The decision was based on the knowledge that the Palestinian contingents would not stand for Jordanian opposition to Suddam Hussein who championed himself as a victor for the Palestinians and a bulwark against Israel. Another issue that remains now is that of highly populated Palestinian refugee camps found in various parts of Jordan. What will happen to these refugees now provided for by UNRWA (United Nations Relief and Works Agency) in the event of a new Palestinian state, remains a distinctively Palestinian concern, while not necessarily a Jordanian concern on the whole.

Democracy in Doubt

Walk into any store, movie theater, police station, tourist area, ministry, or just about any building in Jordan (excluding the US embassy perhaps) and what will you see? A glowing picture of the late King Hussein or the new King Abdallah, and often both. There is no question about who controls this country. Some people refer to Jordan as a happy little police state and the title is not inaccurate.

The monarchy has often used its power to crush opposition, to censor the press, and to make sure that all action falls within the proper guidelines of the Hashemite regime. However, this is also a country where the bicameral parliament consists of a lower house that contains 80 elected officials. The upper house of the parliament and the prime minister are all appointed by the monarchy.

Since elections for Parliament were resumed in 1989, there has been continual flux and debate over how the elections should be administered. The role of political parties has been particularly small and a massive boycott in 1997 of the elections by many of the major politicians and political parties, has left the entire integrity of the system in doubt. Furthermore a system of democracy where the entire range and possibility of elections and political freedom rests in the hand of the monarchy can clearly be called into question.

However, this system may not be in contrast to the desires of the people. It may be the case that Jordanians simply are not interested in Western style democracy, preferring their own system.

The values Americans place in democracy are imported here. Rami Khoury explained that political parties are a joke in Jordan and that tribal candidates continue to get the lions share of the vote. In this area, Khoury asserts that traditional values are winning out. Khoury noted that "People are not asking for Jeffersonian democracy. They are happy to have decisions made by people at the top."

The main priorities to Jordanian are a good economy with the highest standard of living possible. Khoury explains that for Jordanians, the main source of expression is through local and religious affiliations. At the same time, there has been discontent with elections and Khoury feels there is a challenge upon Jordan to see that citizenship rights are guaranteed. Only time will tell the how greatly Jordanians will prioritize and request further steps toward democratic society.

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ployed.

Knowing this, the logically minded thinker must ask the question; why did this happen to New York? How does a state with several developed cities connected by vast networks of highways and railroads struggle to compete with states like Kentucky and South Carolina on economic playing fields that favor New York? And, New York also has a public university system that spans every region of the state (The SUNY System). I believe democratic economic policies that are based on excessive government and high taxes are to blame, the same fundamental ideologies Hillary supports.

Mrs.Clinton will tell New Yorkers as much as they want to hear that she will give upstate its "fair share" of federal money. However, the fact is she and other Democrats support a large Federal government that increases taxes on all levels, which makes it difficult for businesses to develop.

If Hillary was really concerned with New York's "fair share" she would support an across the board tax cut that would leave New Yorkers with the money to spend on the private sector. This makes more sense than public allowances that in the end restrict the states development. Political realities such as these prove Mrs. Clinton's proposed policies are incompatible with the chances of a strong economic recovery in upstate New York. New Yorkers must elect a candidate who favors less federal control, in order that State and local officials may decide what is best for their own economy.

There are those who describe Mrs. Clinton as an outsider to New Yorkers concerns as "political jargon," however these individuals fail to understand the fundamental reasons for the decay of the Upstate economy. An economy that has been drained by high taxes, to subsidize the "money pit" of New York City during the 1970's and 80's, leaving areas such as Utica and Buffalo in a tired financial plight today.

During the economic boom of the last several years, NYC's been able to support itself without the assistance of upstate, so no wonder Hillary can promise upstate New Yorkers their fair share. However when the economy turns to recession and New York City must tighten its belt, Federal subsidies will flow as fast as Mrs. Clinton's liberal bastion of downstate can ask for money. These are reasons enough not to support Mrs. Clinton for Senate. So I agree that Hillary's "not your average carpetbagger", she's a liberal, democratic carpetbagger who's simply not right for New York.

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Football: More Than Meets the Eye

J.P. LeBlanc

When I told my friends I was going to play football, they looked at me like I was crazy.

They had every right to do so, since most people usually don't choose their senior year to start playing a varsity sport. Especially after they spent three years playing for the golf team. What makes it more of an oddity is that the last time I participated in an organized football game I did not even have my drivers permit. That's right, mommy and daddy had to pick me up from practice every day after school.

If you're like most of my friends, you are probably asking why I decided to come out of retirement after six years. The driving force behind my "comeback" is the realization that this is probably the last year in my life that I can play sports in a highly competitive and organized system. Sure, I can play flag football with my co-workers well into my forties, but when you tackle your area supervisor and let him know about it, you are considered a problem employee - not a varsity athlete.

The biggest obstacle I had to overcome was not physical; it was the large amount of information I had to memorize and apply to the field. I started the season as a wide receiver, but that ended when I drew a player running to the sidelines to get a drink of water in a positional meeting. I was then switched to defense, which has proved to be equally difficult a task. In high school, we played one defense - man to man. Now I am trying to learn how to decipher the differences between cover 2, cover 3, man press, etc. I would feel more comfortable discussing Einstein's Theory of Relativity than the intricacies of our defense.

Surely I have added a few more gray hairs to Coach Pendergast's mane, and I can only thank the man for his patience and generosity. Believe me when I write that I have made more than my share of mistakes. I have missed more assignments than I can count, and just when I think I am getting the hang of it a new wrinkle is thrown into the defensive scheme.

For those of you who know me, you know I am not the largest man on the face of this planet. I have been knocked down, pushed aside, and hit more times than Survivor winner Richard Hatch's son. I threw up more after our conditioning test than I did on my twenty-first birthday. Football has been more difficult than I ever could have imagined, yet for all the difficulties I have been rewarded tenfold.

I have met some great people, most of whom I would have never met if I had not decided to play. I am pretty proud of the fact that I am not Hamilton's version of Rudy, and that I have gotten the opportunity to step foot on the playing field. It is very self-rewarding because getting the opportunity to play was something I earned without having the rest of the team turn in their uniforms (yes, that's another low blow to Rudy). I am getting a chance to play a fascinating game every day of the week, and you can't beat that.

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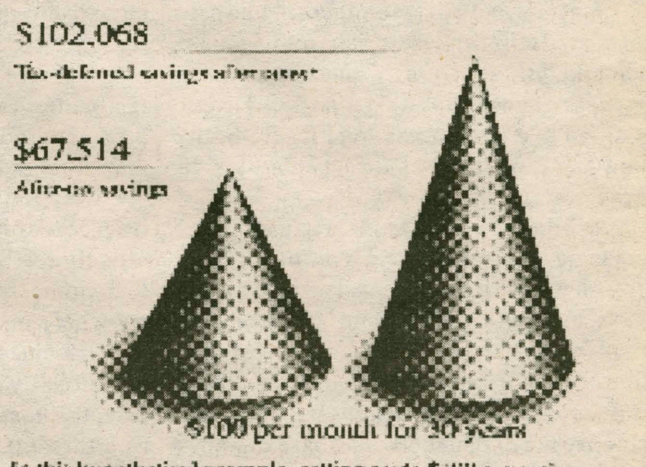

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Science in the News

Food and Drug Administration approves abortion pill for marketing and use in the United States

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Friday, September 28th marked an important milestone in the continuing dispute over abortion in America. In a highly controversial decision, the Food and Drug Administration officially approved RU-486, the abortion pill, for marketing and use in the United States. While abortion supporters view the decision as a great victory, anti-abortion factions attacked the FDA for approving a drug which will "take lives instead of saving them," as stated by Senator Tim Hutchinson of Arkansas.

The drug, mifepristone, allows women to have abortions in the privacy of their own homes within the first seven weeks following their last menstrual period. Abortion by RU-486 takes three steps. First, a pregnant woman takes three pills of mifepristone, which blocks the action of progesterone. Progesterone is the hormone responsible for preparing the uterus for implantation of the fertilized egg, maintaining pregnancy, and promoting development of the mammary glands. She must then return to her doctor's office within 48 hours to take two tablets of a second drug, misoprostol, a synthetic hormone that induces contraction of the uterus, thus discharging the fetal tissue. About 12 days later, the woman must again visit her doctor for an exam, in order to ensure that she is no longer pregnant.

The debate over RU-486 has proven to be hotly politicized.

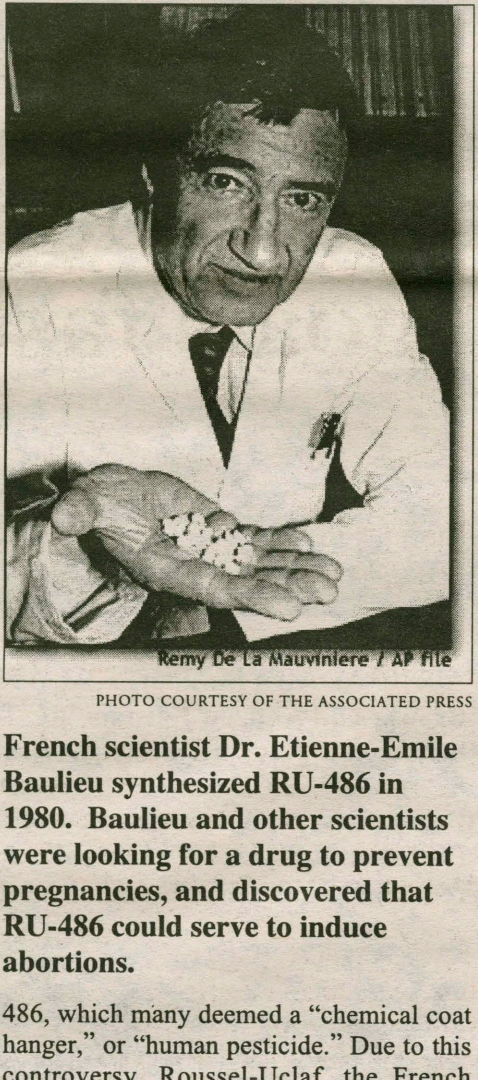
Studies indicate that the drug is likely to cause side effects, usually lasting three days, including abdominal pain and cramping, bleeding, vomiting, dizziness, fainting, viral infection and anxiety. Approximately one percent of women who have taken the drug experience massive bleeding, sometimes requiring blood transfusions. Additionally, the drug is not effective in inducing abortion in about 5 percent of cases, in which surgical abortions become necessary.

Supporters of the drug look to results of Planned Parenthood's clinical trials in which the majority of women said they favored mifepristone abortions because they felt the process to be more natural than that of surgical abortions. Many women who tested the drug also mentioned that they felt the procedure was safer than a surgical abortion, due to the fact that no instruments are actually inserted into the woman's cervix, consequently reducing a woman's immediate risk. By eliminating the need for invasive procedure or surgery, use of the drug requires no anesthesia, and there is no risk of uterine perforation or injury to the cervix.

Conversely, surgical abortion requires one fewer visit to the doctor and is performed quickly. A woman undergoing a surgical abortion notices less blood loss and does not have to witness the actual expelled tissue. Furthermore, certain women may prefer surgical abortion to the pill due to the fact that hard data regarding long-term health implications from the European women who have taken the drug simply does not exist.

RU-486 is not a new drug. It was first invented in 1980 by French scientist Dr. Etienne-Emile Baulieu. Clinical tests started in Geneva in 1981; initial testing of the drug in France began in 1982. During these tests, scientists seeking to use the pill to prevent pregnancy discovered that it also served to induce abortion. Six years after these trials, both France and China approved the drug for aborting pregnancy.

The American government however, was not quite so eager to begin using or marketing of the abortion pill. Soon after the drug was approved in France and China, the Food and Drug Administration issued a testing permit to the Population Council, a family planning research group. Clinical trials began at the University of Southern California in 1984. Consequently, anti-abortion rights activists protested against the use of RU-486, which many deemed a "chemical coat hanger," or "human pesticide." Due to this controversy, Roussel-Uclaf, the French manufacturer of the drug, announced that it would not attempt to distribute the drug in the United States.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French scientist Dr. Etienne-Emile Baulieu synthesized RU-486 in 1980. Baulieu and other scientists were looking for a drug to prevent pregnancies, and discovered that RU-486 could serve to induce abortions.

Decisions regarding the use of mifepristone in this country have been affected by both science and politics. In 1989 President George Bush banned the importation of mifepristone to the United States. Four years later, President Bill Clinton asked federal health regulators to assess the safety and efficacy of the drug. The ban on mifepristone was lifted and the Department of Health and Human Services began to review ways to test, license and manufacture the abortion pill.

Following President Clinton's decision to lift the import ban of mifepristone, Roussel-Uclaf donated its patent on the drug to the Population Council in May of 1994. Five months later, clinical tests began again in America, this time at the University of California at San Francisco.

In order to eventually market and distribute the drug, a small group of investors created the Danco Group in 1995. Contingent on further testing regarding the drug's labeling and manufacturing process, Danco Laboratories submitted data to the F.D.A. seeking approval of the drug in September 1999.

Hamilton College's Student Health Advisory Committee is in the midst of disussing the presence of RU-486 on campus

On September 28, 2000, the F.D.A. gave mifepristone its final marketing approval. In the midst of the upcoming presidential election, this ruling has had obvious political consequences. Dr. Jane Henney, commissioner of the F.D.A., maintained that "Politics had no role in this decision." Instead, she insisted that persuasive evidence existed proving the safety and efficacy of the drug.

Also commenting on the political nature of the decision, Gloria Feldt, the president of the Planned Parenthood Federation of America, an organization that avidly supports a woman's right to an abortion, stated that "Never has there been a drug approval that has been through such an arduous political process." Furthermore, she labeled the drug as "the most significant technological advance in women's reproductive health care since the birth control pill."

The question now in the minds of many American women is when the pill will actually become available to the public. The distributor of the drug says that RU-486 will be available to physicians in about four weeks.

The issue of availability of the abortion pill on college campuses is one that has stirred up much controversy, according to Lucille McDermott, Director of the Health Center here at Hamilton College. Discussion hinges on the issue of a woman student's safety. Dilemmas involving a female patient's risk of massive hemorrhaging and other possible side effects, as well as the actuality of aborting a pregnancy in a dormitory environment, have coerced college health officials to carefully examine all the consequences of providing the pill to students. Ultimately the intention of the Health Center is to provide what is "right and safe for the woman," as summed up by Lucille McDermott.

No official decision has been made regarding the availability of the pill on campus. The Student Health Advisory Committee will be discussing the issue this coming Tuesday; an official decision on the abortion pill's presence at Hamilton should be expected within two or three weeks.

Upcoming Science Events and Seminars

Chemistry Seminars:

"To Be Announced"
Presented by Joe Chaiken,
Department of Chemistry
at Syracuse University
Friday, October 20
at 3:00 p.m. in the
Chemistry Auditorium

"Silicone Chemistry:
Photocurable Coatin
Applications"
Presented by Richard
Eckberg of GE Silicones
Friday, October 27
at 3:00 p.m. in the
Chemistry Auditorium

"An Introduction to the
Chemistry Department for
First-Years and Sophomores"
Presented by the
Chemistry Department
Friday, November 3
at 3:00 p.m. in the
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What's so scary about genetically modified foods?

By Nick Roberge '03
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Recent advances in the field of genetic engineering have made possible the genetic modification of the staple crops of the world. Such modifications stand to increase the output of the world's farms by making crops pest resistant, more tolerant to extreme climates and more bountiful. There may also be possibilities that have not been imagined.

Yet rather than a fanfare of support, there is a clamor for restrictions and further research of genetically modified foods. What is the cause of this apparent lack of support for this new application of the newest branch of biology and what is the future of genetically modified foods?

By far the largest objections to genetically modified (GM) food have been in Europe. Green Peace and other organizations have staged protests against the cultivation and sale of GM, or "Frankenfoods" in Europe. The campaign has been successful enough that the European Union now requires labeling of all genetically modified foods, and few stores will even carry these foods.

European nations have shown the same mistrust towards genetically modified foods from the United States. The sale of American corn to Europe is down from 309 Million dollars in 1996 to 1 million last year. Recently a shipment of seeds to Europe, 1% of which had accidentally cross-pollinated with a GM species, was recommend to be burned when the mistake was discovered late in the growing season.

This sentiment is not felt around the world. The Chinese, far from burning fields of GM foods, have actually pirated seeds developed by American biotechnology giants Du Pont and Monsanto. There, GM crops are being used to save lives. Fields of pest resistant GM cotton developed by Monsanto do no require the highly toxic organophosphate pesticides that regularly kill Chinese farmers.

China is one of the world's leaders in utilizing GM crops. It was China that produced the first commercially grown GM crops, which were tobacco plants grown in 1988. Free from the possibility of public outcry, a great variety of GM foods have entered Chinese markets, including drought resistant rice and green peppers that are immune to certain viruses.

GM foods have a larger presence in the United States than one may suspect. It is estimated that two thirds of the food on US grocery market shelves contain genetically modified ingredients. No labeling is required to warn consumers of the genetically modified content of their food, but this may change. There is pending legislation in the House of Representatives that would require a label for foods containing even a trace of genetically modified material. Passage of this bill is uncertain, though, as current laws allow for considerable leniency in the content of raw food shipments.

Currently the FDA, USDA and EPA regulate GM foods. Some 40 GM foods are currently approved for human consumption, with more allowed for animals. These foods range from tomatoes to soybeans. Last year, 33% of the corn and 57% of the soybeans planted by American farmers were genetically modified. However, due to protests overseas, farmers are expecting to plant fewer GM crops in the coming growing season.

One important issue to address in this debate is determining what causes the mistrust in genetically modified foods. Undoubtedly some of the fear is due to ignorance. However, the problem consists of more factors than the simple fear of the unknown. There are several legitimate concerns in the matter of genetically modified foods. One major worry is allergic reactions. Could a gene spliced from one plant to another cause an allergic reaction in the person that consumes the modified plant? Questions like this take time to answer, since they cannot be easily tested in the laboratory.

Another fear is the cross breeding of GM crops and weeds. A genetically modified species of plant that is resistant to herbicides could potentially cross-pollinate with a closely related weed, in effect forming a "Super Weed". As odd as this sounds, this illustrates the potential danger that the unknown brings.

Some genetically modified foodspose a potential threat to wildlife. The Monarch Butterfly has become a symbol for the effects that genetically modified foods may have on the environment. Early reports on the safety of GM foods showed that Monarchs who fed on the pollen of a variety of genetically modified corns had a high mortality rate. Recent studies by the EPA, however, show that the entire population of Monarchs is not at risk from toxins in pollen. In addition, there have been recent developments of plants that produce much lower levels of toxin.

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Taco shells from Taco Bell are made by Kraft Foods. Last month, Kraft recalled a shipment of taco shells that were made with genetically modified corn.

There have been some scares in the United States due to GM crops. Just last month, Kraft Foods recalled taco shells in which trace quantities of Star Link were found. Star Link is a variety of corn approved only for livestock consumption. This strain of corn has been known to cause allergic reactions in some people. Star Link has one of the most talked about genetic modifications; it produces a bacterial toxin in the crop that protects the plant from insect attack. The bacterial toxin is known as "Bt" for *Bacillus thuringiensis*, the bacterium that produces it. "Bt" is already in use as a conventional insecticide, and is one of the few insecticides that organic farmers use. Many GM plants that produce Bt are approved for human consumption.

There are many benefits associated with genetically modified foods, such as better nutrition, increased tolerance to factors that may hinder growth and increased yields. Yet along with these benefits there are some unknown dangers. Though the genetic modification of foods should not be disregarded because of some possible hazards, it is imperative that the use of these crops proceeds cautiously as to ensure safety, as with any other new technology.

Hamilton Summer Science Symposium

By Sinan Misirli '03
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On Friday October 6 the students who performed science and mathematics research at Hamilton College this summer presented their projects in the Fillius Events Barn. Over forty students worked for 10 weeks in the Biology, Chemistry, Computer Science, Geology, Physics and Psychology Departments.

Research is performed every summer here on the hill. These research positions are opportunities for students who are interested in the sciences to gain hands-on experience in the field of their choice.

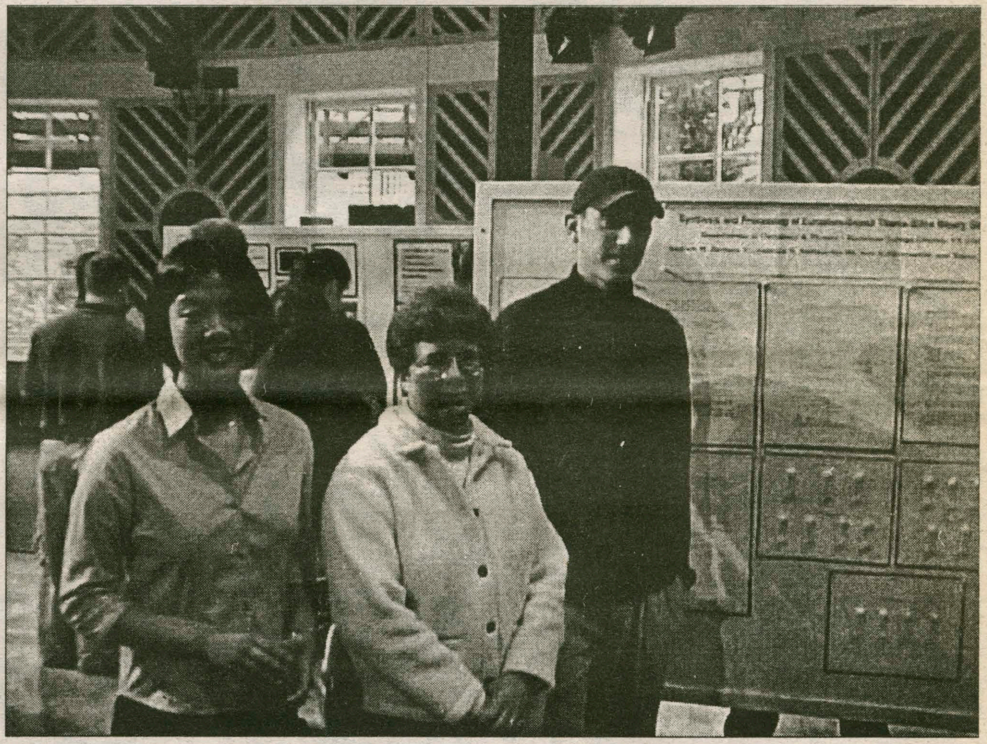
The research performed is often a continuation of a previous summer's work or of a senior thesis project. These undergraduate research positions offer opportunities that some students may not have until graduate school.

Summer research projects culminate in the public presentation of the work performed at the Summer Science Symposium. Students prepare poster presentations and explain their work to fellow researchers, other students and professors.

The summer research students were supported by a variety of funds, which include the General Electric Fund, the Ralph E. Hansmann Science Students Support Fund, the New York Science Education Program (NYSEP), the Bristol Meyers Squibb Foundation and Merck/AAAS.

In addition to research at Hamilton, the NYSEP fund allows for research to be performed at a number of other institutions, including Cornell University, Barnard College, Colgate University, St. Lawrence University and Union College.

Students interested in participating in any of these programs should contact Professor of Biology David Gapp for more information.



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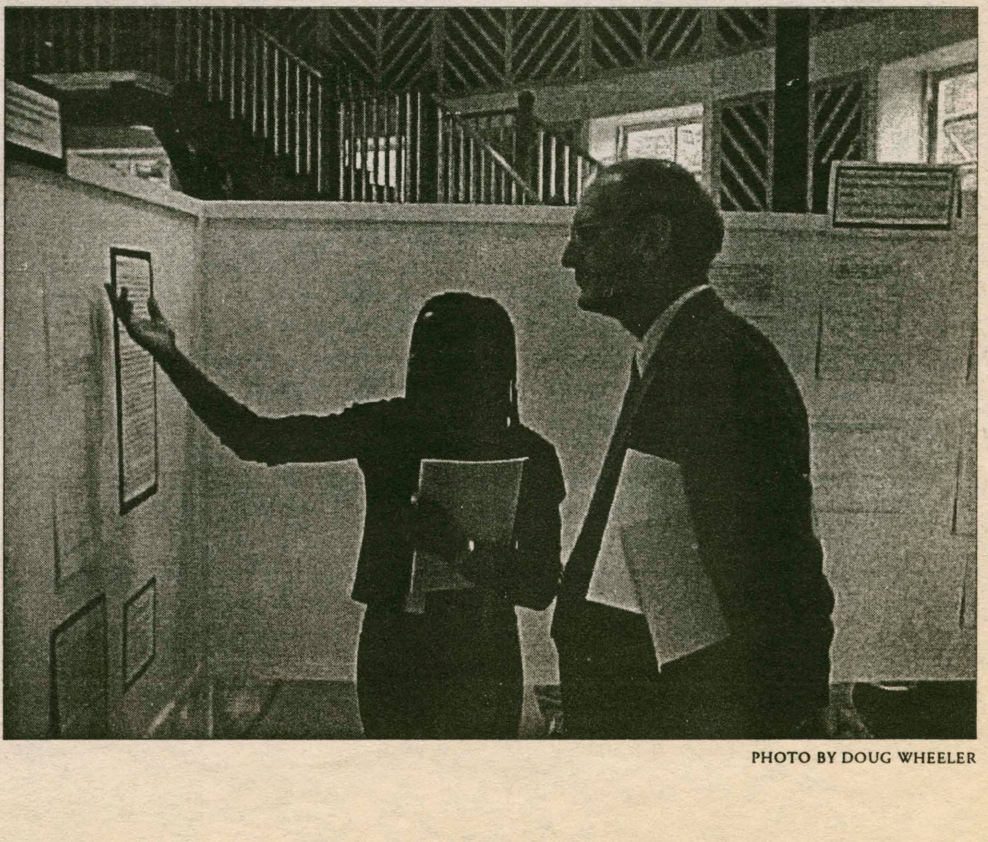
Above: Audelyn Budiharjo '03, Associate Professor of Chemistry Karen Brewer and Andrew Berman '01. The three studied the flourescence behavior of glass prepared using rare earth chemicals.

Below: Kerryann Freeman '03 explains her summer research project to Professor of Psychology Doug Weldon. Freeman investigated hormonal regulation in the smooth muscle of the painted turtle.



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Features

Faculty on leave tackle research, publication

Professor Ann Owen: Learning to Teach

by James Pulliam '04
FEATURES WRITER

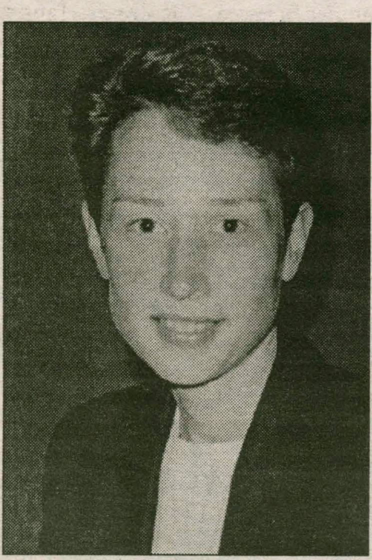
PHOTO COURTESY OF ANN OWEN
Professor Owen is studying more effective ways to teach economics to undergraduates.

Macroeconomics professor Ann Owen is not spending this semester in the classroom. Instead, she is researching long-run growth, income distribution, and "effective [economic] teaching techniques" during her semester-long sabbatical. Ms. Owen will be using her previous empirical work to create theoretical models. "Economics lets you answer interesting public policy questions," according to Owen.

Owen will be looking in detail at two crucial economic questions: "Why are some countries so rich and others so poor?" and "What are the characteristics of countries with deep economic cycles?" Her studies on these two questions will analyze the global factors of adoption and development of technology as well as the development of income distribution and finance. She is concerned with growth in impoverished nations and feels we really "need to think about poor people."

Along with fellow economics professor Elizabeth Jensen, Owen will also be analyzing more effective methods for teaching economics. Her "natural interest" research is based on a survey of college students and professors from 34 colleges that she conducted two years ago. Her survey of economics classes in the top twenty-five liberal arts colleges and a few regional schools similar to Hamilton asked students about their interest in pursuing economics as a major and their preference towards discussion based classes. Prof. Owen also surveyed economics professors on their goals, topics, and methods of teaching.

Analysis of the surveys has led Owen to several conclusions on effective teaching of economics. According to Owen, since "students are individuals," teachers need "to appeal to a broad variety of interest." Good economics students need introductory activities and a strong interest in economics. Professor Owen has also concluded that students tend to do poorly in classes where tests are a large part of the grade.

During her sabbatical so far, Professor Owen has written one paper that is being reviewed for publication. She is also preparing another paper with Jensen on the effect culture has on technology and economics for a conference later this year. She has been published seven times previously in such scholarly journals as *Economics Letters, Journal of Economic Growth, and the Federal Reserve Bulletin.*

Owen has taught macroeconomic theory, economic statistics, monetary policy, and economic growth at Hamilton for the past four years. She plans to continue teaching at Hamilton while pursuing further research on effective teaching and the economic development of technology and human resources. Professor Owen holds a Ph.D. in economics from Brown University, a MBA (with honors) from Babson College, and a BA (with honors) from Boston University. She lives with her children, Colby and Casey, and her husband Steve.

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A microscope and the staph virus: Professor Kenneth Bart returns to the lab

by James Pulliam '04
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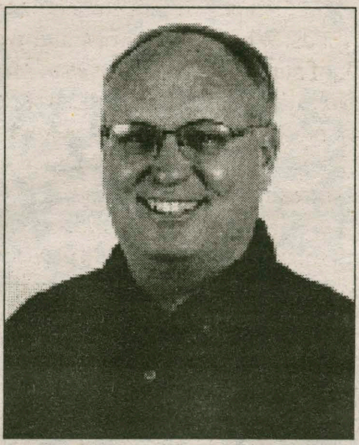
PHOTO COURTESY OF C&D
Bart's research uses digital photography to analyze microorganisms from ice in Antarctica.

Hamilton's own microbiologist Professor Kenneth Bart will be reunited with his electron microscope this fall during his semester-long sabbatical.

Bart will be using digital photography to research and analyze the antifungal agent sphinganine and microorganisms extracted from Antarctica's ice. He hopes this "really exciting" research will lead him and another biologist to a new treatment for the common staph infection and new conclusions on the evolution of organisms.

Professor Bart, with the help of Dean Larry Aaronson of Utica College, is researching the toxicity of the antifungal agent, Sphinganine, toward pathogenic bacteria and the bacterial cause of the staph infection, staphylococcus. This chemical agent with antibiotic properties offers new hope in the fight against the dangerous staph infection, which Bart described as "difficult to remove."

Bart will use his x-ray microanalysis to detail the structure of sphinganine while Aaronson will analyze its chemical composition. They hope to conclude by the end of the year.

Geology Professor Gene Domack will be assisting Bart with his research on Antarctic ice samples. Removed from a lake buried under Antarctica's ice, the samples arrived at Hamilton on Wednesday, Oct. 11. Bart will collaborate with an international effort to analyze the ice surrounding Lake Vostok. Separated from the rest of the world for millions of years, it is hoped that these "extremophiles" will yield new clues on the evolution of organisms.

Bart holds a BA and MA from the State University of New York at Binghamton. He

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Professor Patricia O'Neill uses term to revive needed film studies curriculum

by Hannah Stahle '03
FEATURES WRITER

English Professor Patricia O'Neill may be on leave this semester, but she is spending her time off from teaching studying and revising the curriculum. After receiving the Christian Johnson Fellowship grant, which is awarded to professors on leave to review and revise Hamilton's curriculum, she set her sights on a course of study that Hamilton lacks: film studies.

A scholar of Victorian literature, who is currently at work on a paper on British novelist and Egyptologist Amelia B. Edwards, O'Neill has an avid interest in the study of film and its impact on our society and culture.

She is working to improve College 300: The Art of Cinema, by making the course more of an interdisciplinary study, rather than just the traditional historical study of film. She hopes to update the course by focusing on the ways in which "film globalizes culture" as well as, "the global aspects of film," and also by incorporating other departments into the film studies program. The new course will tackle the social and cultural impacts of film in the 21st century, and will focus on answering some of O'Neill's questions such as, "What is art?" "How does art reflect our culture?" and "Is Martin Scorsese an American filmmaker or are his films American films?"

It is refreshing that O'Neill is pushing for this change in the curriculum, because Hamilton lacks a true film studies program. After losing a film studies professor to Bard College, Hamilton's own program has suffered. "Film is such an important aspect of the 21st century," says O'Neill, " we should have a strong program." She is collaborating with colleagues at Colgate University who are busy developing their own film studies curriculum as well, and have already acquired the facilities to view 35mm films.

O'Neill is making progress with this new program, but she notes that, unfortunately, progress is slow going. According to O'Neill, it is difficult to gain support and interest for a program such as this, when it is seen as pertaining to only a single department. To combat this problem, O'Neill is working to incorporate the film program into many areas of study, putting emphasis on the fact that film is a part of all aspects of our lives.

PHOTO BY DARREN BLOCK '01
According to O'Neill, "Film is such an important aspect of the 21st century – we should have a strong program."

If all goes as planned, film courses will

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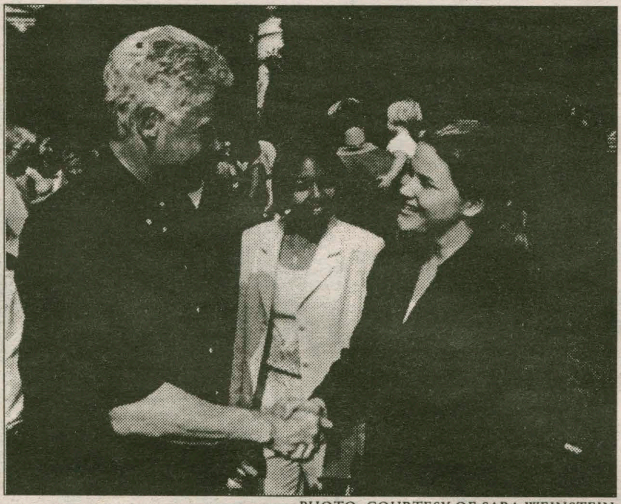
The White House and NYC kitchens: Barek and Weinstein hold internships

Social Office intern experiences the 'high life' in the West Wing

Katie Poulin '04
Features Writer

Some students spend the summe r working at a part-time job at the local supermarket, others volunteer at the humane society, and still others while away the days in strange and exotic lands (i.e. Disney World!) There are a few ambitious students, however, who find themselves involved in a summer internship. Sara Weinstein of the class of 2002, spent her summer in the nation's capital.



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Meet and Greet: Weinstein shakes hands with President Clinton during her White House internship.

Sara applied for this internship in the Social Office of the White House. When asked how she found this great opportunity, Sara replied that she found it online. (www.whitehouse. gov/internship) She applied on her own initiative, and did not have any faculty advisor to help her. Sara was thrilled to discover that she would be spending the summer in the "West Wing."

As a government and women's studies major, Weinstein chose an internship in Washington, D.C. for obvious reasons. The White House Social Office is under the supervision of the first lady, Hilary Clinton. The office is in charge of planning and overseeing all social events of the White House. Every Presidental gala, every international dinner, and every party for ambassadors begins at the social office. As an intern, Sara worked in the office for ten weeks, from about eight in the morning until nine at night. While she was not paid for her work, Sara enthusiastically chimes, "Here's the thing: the benefits were well worth it. With the invitation to all the White House social events, who wouldn't be enthusiastic about this internship?!"

Sara was also quick to point out that while she was not paid, there were other benefits as well. She spoke and worked daily with some of the most influential people in the White House. Sara enjoyed meetings with Hilary Clinton, and is an avid supporter of her Senate bid here in New York. The friendships Weinstein made in Washington were yet another of the many benefits of her internship. Weinstein and all the other Social Office interns are invited to the White House Christmas party in December, and Sara is anxiously awaiting the chance to reunite with good friends and colleagues.

While most of her job went smoothly, Sara's first day in the office was a bit more eventful. Sara was in charge of answering the phones on the first day of her internship. She received a call from a young lady, who asked to speak to one of the directors in the Social Office. As it was her first dayon the job, Sara was unsure of how to connect a call.
By accident, Sara disconnected Chelsea! When she disovered that the young lady was indeed Chelsea, she was very embarrassed, but she has been able to laugh at her mistake many times since.

From the first rate job experience to the great friends to the wacky phone incidents, there is little doubt that Sara Weinstein had a great time in Washington,D.C. this past summer.

From our kitchen to yours: Student delivers to AIDS victims

by Amy Kopriva '02
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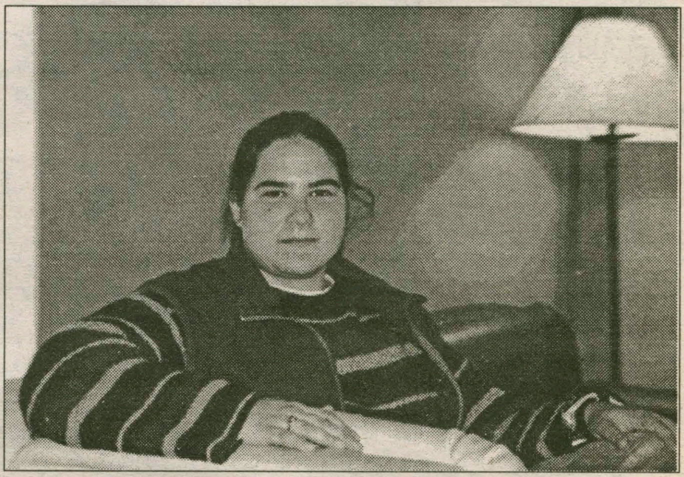
If everyone knew about Rachel Barek '01's volunteer work at NYC based *God's Love We Deliver*, complaints about Commons food and service would forever cease. Well, at least Barek's certainly did. She commented, "Working there has changed the way that I see things. I saw things that I never would have seen before, and I am really glad."



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Rachel Barek '01, a Kirkland project recipient, delivered hot meals to homebound AIDS patients this summer. "Sometimes you are the only person that they see all day," she said.

According to its mission statement, the organization, which has been active since 1985, began when a hospice volunteer "discovered that people with AIDS who were too weak to shop or cook were starving in their homes. She was standing in a man's apartment, and he had just knocked over her proffered bag of groceries to the floor. As the man raged about being too ill to even open the boxes, she vowed that no homebound person with AIDS within her reach would ever go hungry."

Barek, who volunteered with the organization for the first time the summer after her freshman year, was able to return this summer as a recipient of Kirkland Project's $3000 summer stipend that supports, according to Barek, "socially useful" work in a 10 week unpaid internship program.

Despite its name, *God's Love We Deliver* is a non-secretarian organization that is committed to obtaining hot, fresh, and high quality food from local restaurants and delivering them to homebound AIDS patients who are not physically able to go grocery shopping and to cook their own meals. Additionally, *God's Love We Deliver* provides counseling programs and organizes educational programs about the pervasive and tragic disease.

According to Barek, *God's Love We Deliver* is " the Cadillac of food distribution." So, out of all the worthy causes to choose from, what made Barek pick this one? She commented, "The hardest thing to deal with is that a lot of people believe that the AIDS crisis is over. Its not."

Barek found the organization just as much as the organization found her. At the recommendation of an old high school English teacher who later left teaching to become the manager of agency outreach of the organization, Barek volunteered to help. Barek, who will graduate a semester early, has already applied to graduate school at NYU and Columbia University where she intends to study non-profit administration.

Her old teacher, who recently wrote a recommendation for her application, evaluated Barek's work: " A vast array of tasks would befuddle some, but not so for Rachel. She accepted all the assignments with passion, conviction, and high energy."

Although Barek's work is clearly admirable, it isn't always easy. She commented, " My driver {partner} helped prepare me for the difficulties of this job. A lot of the AIDS patients are really weak. Even being an EMT didn't prepare me for that. The most rewarding part is to see them gain weight {from the provided} food and do better."

Barek enthusiastically recognizes her increased influence in the activities and functioning of the organization, as well as her increased comfort with the work that she does. For example, Barek explained how one of her closest friends from *God's Love We Deliver* is a woman who lost her partner to AIDS. Barek and the woman, a van driver for the organization, used to make frequent van runs together. Since her friend's move to California, Barek says that doing van runs is "just not the same anymore." However, with a twinkle in her eye, Barek said, " I am planning on going out to California to visit her soon."

In keeping with the responsibilties of being a Kirkland Project recipient, Barek presented a talk a few weeks ago called *Balancing Grassroots Initiative and Structural Change* as part of the Kirkland Project Brown Bag series.

According to Barek, the series was attended by both students and professors and a "really good discussion" created high morale for the event.

According to Barek," the whole purpose of working for nonprofit organizations is to believe in what you are doing. The most important thing that I learned this summer was that I have lots more to learn about non-profit organization."

Barek, who hopes to attend graduate school in NYC this spring, is planning on taking a shift in the kitchen at *God's Love We Deliver* after she arrives. She said, " Living in Keehn now, I have been gearing all up for that."

Bart researches anti-fungal agents

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has always been "curious about how biological systems work" and "the structure of things." Bart became specifically interested in electron microscopy as a freshman in college when he toured an electron microscopy facility.

According to Bart, electron microscopes let you "see things that no one has ever seen before." Hamilton, with its electron microscope facilities, is unique; typically, such equipment is reserved for graduate students.

At Hamilton since 1986, Bart teaches transmission electron microscopy, scanning electron microscopy, and x-ray microanalysis. His interest in digital photography extends beyond the microscope to full-sized life. He is an accomplished photographer of everything from forests and flowers to his dog. Bart lives with his two teenage children and wife.

Film studies under development

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soon be integrated into all aspects of Hamilton's academic curriculum. Students interested in this field of study will perhaps have the opportunities to attend events such as the Toronto Film Festival, which O'Neill attended this year. She commented," When it is so close, there is not reason we cannot take advantage of it." According to O'Neill, ideally students will also be able to secure film related internships through the Hamilton semester in New York program to take advantage of its vast resources the city offers in this field.

Arts & Entertainment

Spectator At The Movies

Remember The Titans wins with Denzel at the Helm

By Darcy Lewis '02
A&E WRITER

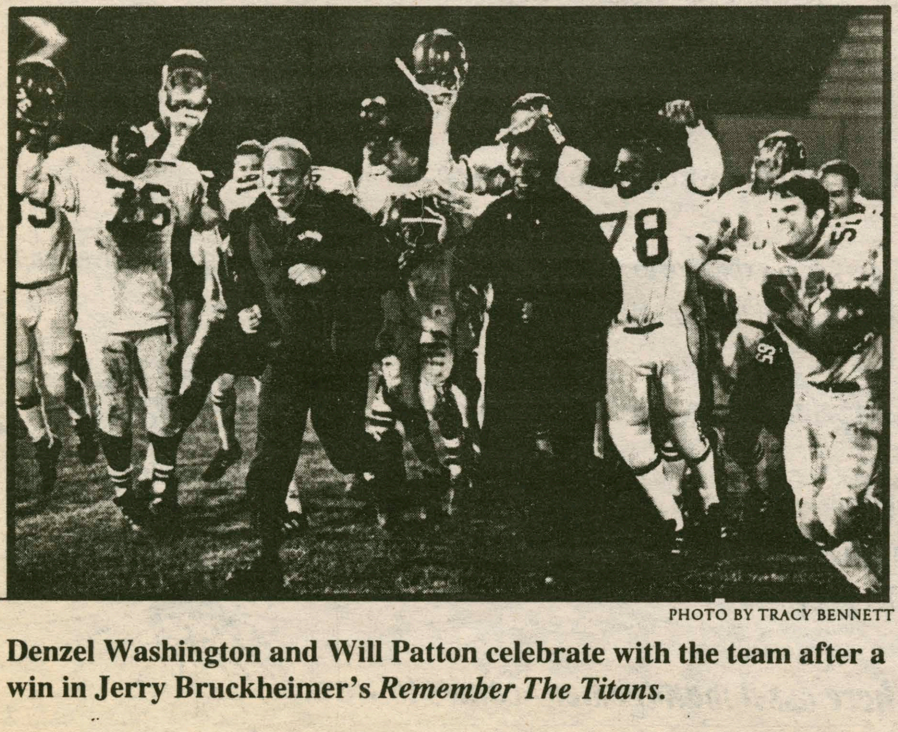
In films lately, the main theme has been the new millenium, and movies have been filled with Satan trying to take over the world, crooked priests, and a general disappointment with the way the human race has turned out. Every now and then films that are overloaded with the let's-all-love-each-other mentality come out and they can be more than tedious to watch. But then again, the sentimental warmth that some of these films give off is just what we need , and, if it is done right, the movie becomes a wonderful example of what can happen when people care about each other.

As lame as that may sound, the new film *Remember the Titans* accomplishes just what it sets out to do: make you cry and have a new affinity for the human race, all the while wallowing in sappy feel-good vibes. Directed by Boaz Yakin, who also directed the Renee Zellweger flick *A Price Above Rubies*, *Titans* follows the true story of Herman Boone (played with the usual skill by Denzel Washington), a high school football coach who leads a 1971 Virginia team to victory amidst overwhelming racial tension. The inspiration in this film is so thick you could cut it with a knife.

Washington fits Boone's tough but loveable football coach perfectly, and he is predictably strong in the man-verses-oppression role. Other stellar, strong performances in the cast make this movie unique. Will Patton (*Armageddon, The Postman*) is quietly stunning as Bill Yoast, the previous head coach who gets pushed out despite Hall of Fame potential because the white and black schools are combined. Yoast decides to take the assistant coach position, giving the disgruntled white football players a reason to stay on.

The movie steps into the realm of disbelief as the players all suddenly click and get along while away at camp, but the actors are all so zealous in portraying the camaraderie that forms that you can't help but smile and root for the loveable underdogs. The new, tight unification of the team gets severely tested when they return to school and face the usual obstacles: bigot girlfriends, fights in school. Wood Harris and Ryan Hurst are wonderful as the captains of the team. In the beginning these two are the most fiercely opposed to integration. They berate each other left and right, and flow so smoothly into a furious kind of friendship that it becomes the heart of the story. These two work amazingly well together, and know expertly how to milk the audience for all the tears it's got. The eye contact and body movements of these two are so outstanding and interesting to watch they virtually carry the film through the awkward, overly sentimental scenes.

The film is burdened at times by its sappiness, but true stories often are inspirational and sappy, so it is hard to overcome that notion when transferring to film. Even before you see *Remember the Titans*, you should know the outcome of the movie. There are a few heartbreaks along the way, as there always are in these "we will triumph" movies, but the actors are such a joy to watch that it simply doesn't matter. There are also some really moving scenes that will (as corny as it sounds) lift the spirit.



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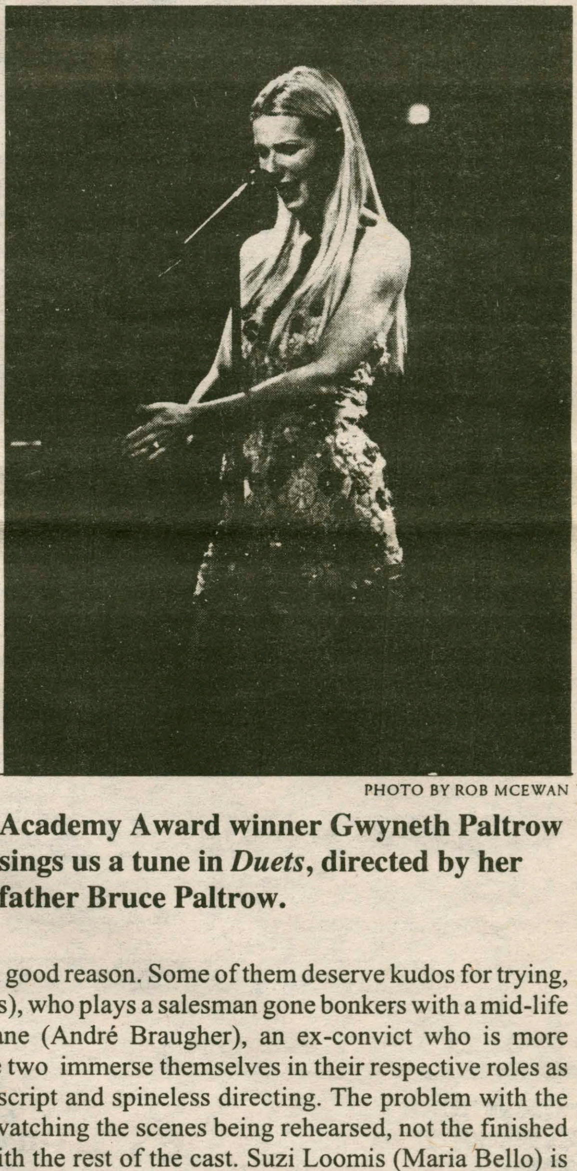
Denzel Washington and Will Patton celebrate with the team after a win in Jerry Bruckheimer's *Remember The Titans*.

Monotone Duets

By Sara Bencivenga '01
A&E WRITER

In his latest film, director Bruce Paltrow missed the mark. His intentions are ambitious; with *Duets*, he wants to convey the mystery, charm, and serendipity of the human condition with karaoke, of all things, as the driving metaphor. The idea is quirky and potentially interesting, but the outcome is off-target. The film is overdone when it tries to be dramatic, cliché when it tries to be inspiring, annoying when it tries to be romantic, ridiculous when it tries to be coherent, predictable when it tries to be creative, bland when it tries to be erotic, repetitive when it tries to be serious, pathetic when it tries to be funny, and funny when it tries to be sad. In other words, it is a mediocre screenplay plus second-rate directing, which equals a movie on which you should not waste $7 on.

The film follows the trials and tribulations, in various karaoke bars, of three pairs of characters (hence the movie's title); six actors in total, mostly names you haven,t heard of— with good reason. Some of them deserve kudos for trying, such as Paul Giamatti (Todd Woods), who plays a salesman gone bonkers with a mid-life crisis but is saved by Reggie Kane (André Braugher), an ex-convict who is more grounded in reality than Todd. The two immerse themselves in their respective roles as best they can, given the deadbeat script and spineless directing. The problem with the acting in *Duets* is that I felt I was watching the scenes being rehearsed, not the finished product—and it got even worse with the rest of the cast. Suzi Loomis (Maria Bello) is supposed to be the film's sexiest character. She is an exhibitionist, an opportunist, and a prostitute, but Bello delivers a tepid performance. Suzi tries to seduce the resident idealist, Billy Hannon (Scott Speedman), who looks upon the world with a perpetual expression of confusion. Huey Lewis (Ricky Dean) is also stricken with the one-expression disease, and he delivers every line in a steady monotone.



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Academy Award winner Gwyneth Paltrow sings us a tune in *Duets*, directed by her father Bruce Paltrow.

Oscar winner Gwyneth Paltrow, here directed by her father, sounds like she could be the best bet as far as acting... but she is not. Near the beginning of the movie, she watches over her dead mother (just about her only friend and family member) and manages to squeeze out a tear, only to start excitedly talking about her mayonnaise sandwiches in the next scene, the dead mother in the next room but apparently erased from her mind. Admittedly, with lines like, "I didn't want her to get an aneurysm," the screenplay is not much to work with— but the directing is also to blame for *Duets*.

Bruce Paltrow seems to think that letting the camera sit in front of the actors as they do their thing is interesting film-making. He also likes us to watch the actors as they sing in karaoke bars. Most of the plot is carried by the songs that each of the characters perform; the songs have "hidden" meanings about the performers' personalities. This boils down to too many songs sung in this movie. It's like a musical gone bad; just when you think that the plot might pick up, someone does the karaoke thing and the action stops. And in many cases, either the song is bad or the singing is.

I found myself wanting to fast-forward through most of this film. Without beating around the bush, *Duets* is just plain boring.

DeNiro is back in form in *Meet The Parents*

By Matt Olney
A&E EDITOR

Since 1995 when he starred in both *Heat* and *Casino*, Robert DeNiro has taken a back seat in the film industry. By taking supporting roles in films like *Great Expectations* and *Rocky and Bullwinkle*, questions arose as to what one of the best actors in Hollywood was doing. Those questions quickly vanished when DeNiro starred in the critically acclaimed films *Analyze This* and *Flawless* last year, and this year's comedy *Meet The Parents.*

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Jack (DeNiro) and Greg (Stiller) meet for the first time in *Parents.*

In *Meet The Parents*, DeNiro stars as an overprotective father who torments the guys his beautiful daughter Pam (Teri Polo) brings home. As an ex-CIA agent, DeNiro's character, Jack Byrnes, can read people like a book the moment he meets them. He scares them with hidden cameras and even pulls out the lie-detector-test from time to time to make sure his original intuitions are true. But what good is a hard-nosed father without a weakling to push around?

In comes Greg Focker (Ben Stiller), who is head-over-heals for Byrnes' daughter Pam, but must ask her father for her hand in marriage before he can pop the big question. It is safe to say that Focker has no idea what he is in for.

The disaster of meeting Pam's parents begins when the airport loses Focker's luggage, and then the situation takes a turn for the worse. Focker's usual funny dry wit disappears around Jack, and though Focker is bending over backwards to try to make a good impression, he comes off like a stumbling idiot. This is not to mention that the two do not have much in common. Greg is a male nurse, which Jack looks down upon, and Greg lets out during their first dinner that he hates cats, not knowing that Jack has a very close relationship with his cat, Jinx. Greg's situation worsens when he manages to burn Jack's lawn, ruin Pam's sister's wedding, lose Jinx, get caught holding a marajuana pipe, and insult Jack multiple times until it looks like the relationship between Greg and Pam is over.

What makes this film is the relationship between DeNiro and Stiller. The uncomfortable moments shared between them become hilarious ones. Stiller plays the bungling idiot to perfection, reaching back to his role in *There's Something About Mary* a number of times for facial expressions and body movements. DeNiro has the uncanny ability to say so much on screen without speaking a word. His facial expressions, eyes, and body posture are able to make Stiller, as well as the audience, nervous without DeNiro even opening his mouth. It is this, and not so much the dialogue, that gives the relationship between Stiller and DeNiro a spark.

This is not to say that the dialogue is poor. The confrontation between Jack and Greg towards the end of the film when Jack tries to convince Greg to not leave his daughter is clever. The screenwriter and director Jay Roach (*Austin Powers*) attempt to switch the roles of the two stars, but all along we know that Greg still has no power in his relationship with Jack. While Jack can learn to accept Greg as a son-in-law, he will never lose the upper hand in their relationship.

Meet The Parents is a popcorn comedy with great acting, particularly from Stiller, Blythe Danner as Jack's wife, and of course, DeNiro, who is in top form, somewhere he hasn't been in five years. It is a good date movie, and fellas, don't worry. Meeting your girlfriend's parents can't get any worse than this.

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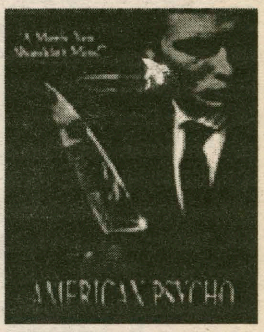
DeNiro plays with his favorite cat, Jinx, in *Meet The Parents.*

On Video

American Psycho

By Matt Olney
A&E EDITOR



American Psycho, based on Bret Easton Ellis's brutal novel, captures the author's message as well as director Mary Harron's. The story follows Patrick Bateman (played perfectly by Christian Bale), a wealthy young Wall Street broker who spends his days sitting in his office listening to music, eating lunch at the most expensive restaurants, and comparing business cards with co-workers. Bateman is the American dream. He can do whatever he wants and whenever he wants to do it. By night, however, he is a ruthless killer. This side of Bateman comes about because he is trapped in his own upscale Manhattan world. He is controlled by a society telling him what to wear and how to act, and this drives him to kill in order to rectify the falseness with which he is living.

Harron's film differs from the book in that the book keeps Bateman very dark while the film brings out the humor of the whole era. By showing his morning ritual of facials and skin cleansors, sit-ups, and special after-shave so as to avoid wrinkles, we see just how absurd the whole mid-1980s consumer fashion culture was. This social criticism, and not the ruthless murders, is what makes American Psycho a good video rental.

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Southern Accents Series

Hazel Dickens

Press Release

The Kirkland Art Center Coffeehouse, in collaboration with the Hamilton College Kirkland Project, will present the legendary traditional Appalachian singer Hazel Dickens, performing with an all-star bluegrass band, preceded by a one-hour documentary of her life, at the Hamilton College Chapel, Friday, October 13. The documentary will be shown at 7 p.m. followed by the concert at 8.

Dickens and an outstanding group of musicians, handpicked by Hazel herself, will perform in a concert. Joining Dickens are Dudley Connell, formerly with the "Johnson Mountain Boys" and now a major player in the "Seldom Scene;" Barry Mitterhoff, formerly with "Skyline," mandolin; Richard Underwood, also a former "Johnson Mountain Boy," banjo; Jack Leiderman, fiddle; and Bob Green, bass.

The "first lady" of old-time country and bluegrass, Dickens is the subject of a documentary, "It's Hard to Tell the Singer from the Song," produced by Appalshop Film and Video. Director Mimi Pickering will be on handto discuss the film during intermission.

Hazel Dickens was born in Mercer County, Virginia, and while her coal-miner father and brothers played banjo, guitar, and mandolin, she sang in the church choir and listened to the Grand Old Opry.

Following her two brothers, she moved to Baltimore and began singing in local taverns and clubs with new friends, including Mike Seeger. She met Alice Gerrard and the two began singing many of the songs from her childhood in West Virginia as well as original compositions. "Hazel and Alice" was their first recording in 1973 for Rounder Records. This album, perhaps their purest, most soulful, and direct, featured them singing their hearts out with spare, minimal accompaniment and is considered one of the classic collections of old time and bluegrass music of the 1970s, inspired and influenced such artists as Emmylou Harris and the Judds.

When they parted company, Dickens continued performing, working, and actively speaking out and singing againts the exploitation of women and workers, especially coal miners. Her songs are heard in Barbara Kopple's award-winning documentary, "Harlan County, USA," and she appeared and sang in John Sayle's "Matewan," a film about the massacre of striking coal miners in 1920.

The strength of the fall coffeehouse series is boosted by collaboration with Hamilton College's Kirkland Project, "Southern accents, Representation and Resistance Through the Arts."

This year the Kirkland Project for the study of Gender, Society and Culture is focusing on the American South, a diverse region with a rich and complex history. The Southern Accents programs include visual arts, writers, poets, and musicians exploring the ways that the South is and has been a site of remarkable political diversity, resistance, and struggle for progressive ideals.

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Women's Soccer continues to keep it close despite lack of scoring

By Charles Spiliotis '03
SPORTS WRITER

The Lady Continentals picked up a good conference tie over the weekend, but failed to avenge their state tournament loss of a year ago at SUNY/ Brockport. With their draw at home against William Smith, the Conts find themselves in a three way tie for second with William Smith and St.Lawrence, and facing an undefeated Union club this weekend.

"The Brockport game was very upsetting to the whole team. We just had a bit of a breakdown defensively, but that's not the team that we can be. We need to look at the game as a wake-up call, and put it in the past," said keeper Brenna Chiaputti '02.

Tuesday's contest at SUNY/ Brockport was an important one for Hamilton, who remembers vividly its opening round overtime loss at home last October. Playing on a small, soggy field, Brockport came out very aggressive and scored a mere 16 seconds into the first half.

Hamilton fought for most of the first half, trying to adapt to the physical Brockport attack and the field conditions. At half, it remained 1-0, but the Conts got organized and came out hard in the second, trying to put a goal on the board.

"They came out so hard defensively, it took us a whole half to adjust. The girls definitely wanted a little redemption from last year, but they just kept so many people back, we didn't get too many chances," said coach Melissa Eging.

Despite outshooting Brockport 11-4, Hamilton was unable to find the net, and the game ended 1-0.

Saturday's fallcoming test against William Smith was an important game for Hamilton, but the Herons were undefeated and untied against the Continentals all-time. Hamilton was ready, however, playing tough defensively throughout.

The game went back and forth, with neither team dominating, but both getting some good scoring opportunities. William Smith outshot Hamilton 15-11, but neither team was able to find the back of the net, instead the contest ended in a scoreless tie. Brenna Chiaputti '02 earned the shutout at keeper, her sixth of the year.

The Continentals take their 6-3-1 record to Skidmore and Union this weekend for two conference battles, with their hopes of a UCAA title still alive.

The team's leading scorer Amanda Siepiola '02 commented, "Heading into this weekend we really need to take both games. Going into postseason play with a couple of wins would be great for us. We just need to step it up and play a little quicker, work together, and get some more shots, and we'll be fine."

The Spectator Athlete of the Week: Matt DiRamio '01

By Jim Driggs '01
SENIOR SPORTS EDITOR

Matt DiRamio '03 may drive the ball close to three hundred yards and have a great touch around the greens, but the characteristic that separates him from other golfers in the league and in the Northeast region is his work ethic.

"He is a perfectionist," said first year coach Mike Byrnes. "He's always working on his swing."

It is for this reason that DiRamio has had such success throughout his three-year career at Hamilton. DiRamio has qualified each year for the ECAC Championship, which is a remarkable accomplishment. DiRamio's strong play also earned him 2000 UCAA player of the year.

This past weekend DiRamio played in his third and final ECAC Championship (the ECAC is only played in the fall season) at the Saratoga Spa State Park.

The ECAC Championship consists of the top division one, two, and three players in the Northeast. DiRamio played very well. He shot 79 and 76, which placed him in 33rd place out of 95 golfers. Among Division III golfers DiRamio finished in the top ten.

DiRamio's consistency over his three years has turned him into a leader on the Hamilton golf team.

"His success gives guys like Tom Paolini '03 and Tyler Leech '02 motivation to work on their game and hopefully qualify for a post-season tournament," said Byrnes.

Most people involved with the team say DiRamio, this year's captain, leads by example, but he sees himself as someone who also leads vocally.

"I try to assert my leadership especially with the younger players," said DiRamio. "I like to play with the underclassmen and try to instill an understanding of course management."

DiRamio also took it upon himself to dedicate the fall and spring seasons to the late Andy Collier, who was a member of the golf team for two years.

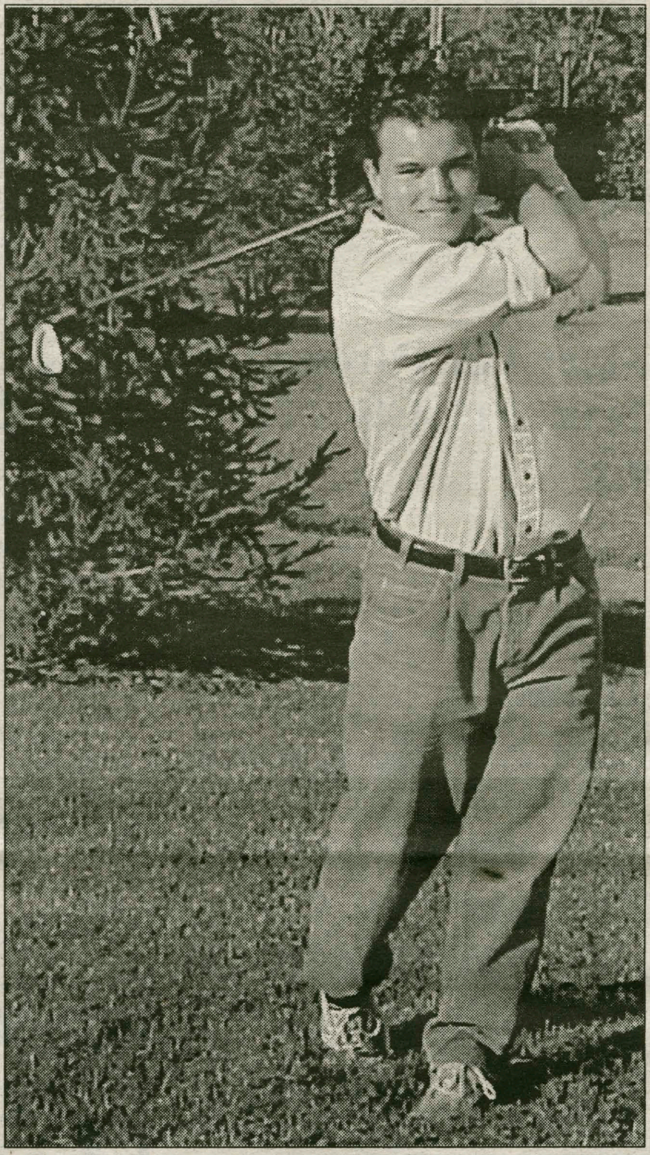
As a team the Continentals made great strides during the season. Their steady improvement was capped off by a fourth place finish in the NESCAC Championship. In the team's first half of the season they averaged 335 shots, which is only mediocre. However, by the end of the season that average was down to 325.

If they keep working and improving, the spring season looks very promising. DiRamio stressed the importance of off-season practice. "To be successful in the spring we have to be able to beat Williams, Middlebury and Skidmore and that's going to take a lot of practice this winter."

DiRamio's career is winding down and he has one last chance to accomplish his goals.

"This spring I'd like to see the team make the national tournament, which we did my sophomore season." DiRamio also said that he would like to be named an Academic All-American.

Golf is unlike many sports. It requires tremendous skill, confidence, consistency, patience and, most importantly, mental toughness.



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Matt DiRamio '01 displays his picture-perfect golf swing for the cameras.

DiRamio has exhibited each of these traits during his career and they are the reasons why he has had such success.

They are also the reasons why he is *The Spectator's* Athlete of the Week.

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Women's Cross Country victorious in the Hamilton Invitational Tournament

By Michael Everhart '02
SPORTS WRITER

The women's cross-country team won the Hamilton Invitational last weekend despite a muddy course and unseasonably cold temperatures.

The team defeated SUNY Geneseo 31-34, which had beaten the team three weeks ago at the Purple Valley Classic, and six other NYSCTC schools.

Coach Ellen Hull was impressed with the team's improvement since the last home meet in September. "Eleven out of the twelve Hamilton runners achieved personal bests on the home course."

Kate Nelson '01 and Jenn Cammarano '03 led the team, as they have all season, by finishing second and third overall, respectively, with times of 18:02.2 and 18:15.6, behind Jen Rettke from SUNY Geneseo. Annie Toth '02 finished in fifth place with a time of 18:49.4.

Finishing fourth and fifth and insuring a victory for Hamilton were Sarah Bardenett '04 and Alyson Grant '04, who finished tenth and eleventh with times of 19:12.8 and 19:23.1, just barely finishing ahead of SUNY Geneseo's fourth and fifth finishers.

Hull said, "The difference between our number one runner and number five runner was the smallest of the season."

Co-captain Liz Guancial '01, Lauren Perkins '04, Isabel Ezrati '03, and Lara Clemenzi '04 finished twentieth, twenty-fourth, thirtieth, and thirty-third, all within one minute of each other.

Rounding out the team were Becca Walker '02, Marisabel Portillo '03 in her first meet ever, and Gill Chapman '04 in fifty-sixth, sixtieth, and sixty-fourth place, respectively.

Thus the win was attributable to an entire team effort.

Hull said, "Despite some important runners missing and some recovering from injuries the team performed extremely well and got the job done against SUNY Geneseo."

Without a meet this weekend and with the Cornell Invitational next week followed by the NESCAC Championships, the team has two weeks until the championship part of the season begins.

This layoff will give the team plenty of time to get healthy and train for the slew of meets that they will run in November.

Coach Hull said, "October is the intense training month after getting things started in September, and then November is the championship month with four championship meets in a row."

Next week is a meet with two distances for runners to choose from-two miles and the standard five kilometers.

Coach Hull said that she chooses the distance for most of the team, and that the meet is a good way to prepare for NESCAC's at Amherst College, which will be the most competitive meet of the season so far.

Men's Cross Country takes second at home

By Fred Shear '03
SPORTS WRITER

The Hamilton College men's cross country team wanted and needed a strong showing last weekend. They did not disappoint themselves, and came up with a very solid second place finish at the Hamilton Invitational. SUNY Geneseo won, but out of the seven team field, Hamilton was the only other team that posed a threat.

The final team scores were Geneseo, 32, Hamilton, 62, Oswego, 80, Alfred University, 97, SUNY Brockport, 132, Buffalo State, 139, and Hartwick, 195.

There were many strong Hamilton performances. The Continentals were led by Scott Taylor '01 and Mac Weiss '02, who finished 4th and 7th overall respectively in the field of eighty runners. Taylor completed the eight-kilometer race in 27:23. Weiss was close behind at 27:30.

These two have set the pace and the tone for the Continentals' season so far this year. However, they were not the only ones who came up big on Saturday.

John Damaske '02 and Ryan Murelli '02 came up with maybe their best efforts of the year, finishing 15th and 16th overall, at times of 28:11 and 28:12. Paul Jones '03 was the fifth Continental, and 20th overall with a time of 28:34.

Other times included Doug Zeyak '02, 28:47, and Karl Bressler '01, 29:00. Nate Arnold '03 ran the course in 29 minutes 3 seconds. He also ran a portion of the race barefoot. Rounding out Hamilton's impressive showing were captain Steve Guditus '01, 29:05, Andrew Matlack '03, 29:57, and Dan Leonard '03, 34:04.

The team was pleased with its results. They did not have the services of captain Sam Brown '01 who often finishes in the top five for the team. Guditus was satisfied with the team's showing. He also feels that they closed the gap between Geneseo and themselves.

"We ran a much more solid race against Geneseo this time around," Guditus said, "Even with people sick and injured, we performed well. Paul Jones, Ryan Murelli and Doug Zeyak really stepped it up. We have to keep trying to pack together and improve our 1-5 and 1-7 splits."

Murelli agreed with Guditus, "Mac and Scotty had great races, and they broke up the Geneseo pack, which is what our goal was this weekend. We need 3,4,5 to step up, whoever those guys are going to be, and get up there with those two. Geneseo is a great team, but I think that this weekend we showed that we have potential to be a great team too."

Weiss concurred with his teammates, and even made a bold prediction regarding another showdown with Geneseo, "I was pleased that we improved against Geneseo, but we still did not beat them. This week has been an especially hard training week because we don't have a meet this weekend. We will improve more and beat Geneseo at the NYSCTC meet."

The NYSCTC meet is not until 11/4, but the Continentals will then get to face Geneseo on their home turf. In between now and then, their schedule includes the Cornell Invitational 10/21, and the always tough NESCAC meet. Hopefully, the Continentals will continue to improve and make noise throughout the Northeast.

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Volleyball continues to compete with tough, NESCAC opposition as season winds down

By Chris Preston '03
SPORTS EDITOR

This past weekend the Hamilton College volleyball team once again proved that it can compete with, and beat, NESCAC teams.

The Continentals already ad established themselves as a dangerous team in an earlier NESCAC Quad by splitting their four games in that tournament.

They further proved that they belong in the same conference with some of the best teams in the Northeast last weekend at the NESCAC Quad held at Bates.

The team began its weekend by battling the host school, Bates, to a competitive four set decision, which the Conts eventually lost 1-3 (4-15, 15-4, 5-15, 4-15).

In taking a set from Bates the volleyball team knew that it could still compete with the taller and stronger NESCAC schools, just as it had a little less than a month ago.

Knowing this, the Continentals promptly went out and beat Bowdoin in their next match 3-1 (15-5, 13-15, 16-14, 15-9).

The team was led as usual by their two most dominant offensive players—setter and co-captain Korey O'Malley '01 in assists, and middle hitter Kate Clark '02 in kills.

But the difference in the game was the contributions from much-improved middle hitter Heather Onderick '02, who led the team in blocks as well, and setter Melissa Stoos '04.

"Onderick has real good streaks," coach Susan Keller explained. "She is really coming into her own as a junior. Stoos is doing some nice things offensively and defensively."

In their final contest of the weekend the Continentals lost a tough three-setter to Colby.

It was a game that could have gone either way in the early going.

The first two sets were decided by a combined four points. However, Colby went on to claim the 15-13, 17-15, 15-6 victory and send the Conts home on a bit of a sour note.

Still, Coach Keller saw vast improvements in her team: "We are playing very nicely. Two point losses (like the loss to Colby) are cruel, but last year Colby walked on us like we weren't even there. Our team is much better than it was this time last year."

How can this be, you ask? How can a team with a 7-11 record after last weekend be "much better" than a team that in 1999 finished above .500 with a 17-14 record?

The answer is simple: stiffer competition. In fact, this year's schedule does not even compare to last season's.

Last year the Continentals faced a grand total of three NESCAC opponents before the end-of-the-year NESCAC tournament.

So far this season, the Continentals have played seven different NESCAC teams and have held their own in doing so, with a NESCAC record of 3-4.

That said, Coach Keller knows that this year's team has a chance to make some noise in the NESCAC Championships, something they could not accomplish last year en route to a seventh-place finish.

"We definitely have the ability to finish higher this year," Coach Keller said.

Wednesday the volleyball team proved that it has the ability to dominate non-NESCAC squads in defeating SUNY Utica/Rome 3-0 (15-5, 15-12, 15-2) on senior night at Hamilton.

Onderick and Kara Sterling '01, who along with O'Malley is one of only two seniors being honored on this night, led a balanced Hamilton attack with eight kills apiece.

The win improved the team's record to 8-11 overall heading into yet another NESCAC Quad this weekend at Middlebury.

The important thing on this night, however, was to send Sterling and O'Malley off as winners in their final home game as members of the Hamilton volleyball team.

Coach Keller had nothing but praise for the two seniors, "They both have very good, old-fashioned work ethics. They work hard, and most importantly they maintained a love for the game.

"Sometimes that's tough to do over the course of four years, but both Korey and Kara have not lost their love for volleyball, even in their senior years."

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NFL						
Atlanta at St. Louis 10/15	Rams	Rams	Rams	Rams	Rams	Rams
Carolina at New Orleans 10/15	Panthers	Panthers	Saints	Panthers	Panthers	Panthers
Oakland at Kansas City 10/15	Chiefs	Raiders	Chiefs	Chiefs	Chiefs	Chiefs
Baltimore at Washington 10/15	Ravens	Ravens	Redskins	Ravens	Redskins	Redskins
Dallas at NY Giants 10/15	Cowboys	Giants	Giants	Giants	Giants	Giants
San Diego at Buffalo 10/15	Bills	Bills	Bills	Bills	Bills	Bills
Indianapolis at Seattle 10/15	Colts	Colts	Colts	Seahawks	Colts	Colts
NY Jets at New England 10/15	Patriots	Jets	Patriots	Patriots	Patriots	Jets
Philadelphia at Arizona 10/15	Eagles	Eagles	Eagles	Eagles	Cardinals	Eagles
Jacksonville at Tennessee 10/16	Titans	Titans	Titans	Titans	Titans	Jaguars
Baseball Playoffs						
NY Yankees at Seattle 10/13	Yankees	Yankees	Mariners	Mariners	Yankees	Yankees
St. Louis at NY Mets 10/14	Mets	Mets	Mets	Mets	Mets	Mets

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Strong finish for Women's Tennis at UCAA's

By Elizabeth Crispino '01
SPORTS WRITER

The 2000 UCAA Women's Tennis Championship held over the weekend proved to be a vehicle for revenge for the Hamilton women's tennis team. The draw consisted of eight teams, all from New York, with varying records and abilities. The play is set up differently in the tournament, with the two teams playing each other in a match, singles playing first, until one of the teams scores five points.

Hamilton faced rival Union in the first round, a team that had beaten them earlier in the season in a tight match-up. Hamilton was geared up for a fight, and was not about to lose to Union in the first round.

The singles match started off well, with Hamilton splitting the matches with Union. Lindsay Schantz '03, Lizzie Fazio '04 and Sarah Taylor '03 all were victorious in their matches. Not having reached five in the singles, the teams went on to play the doubles. Here, it came down to Captain Eileen Wildman '01 and Schantz's number one doubles team.

They took their match with style, giving Hamilton the eventual victory. This was a huge win for the Continentals, allowing them to gain revenge from Union.

Coach Jamie King was very excited about the match, saying, "The girls played real well in the Union match, they were really pumped up to give their all, and they succeeded in their victory."

Hamilton went on to play perennial powerhouse Skidmore in the semifinals. Here was a team that has traditionally been strong, but the team went out and played its hardest. It was only necessary to play the singles matches, where Skidmore clearly dominated, with the Continentals falling 5-0.

Highlights of the match included Wildman at number one, playing a tough Skidmore opponent, and Fazio and Taylor at the bottom of the order coming up big to play to three sets in their matches.

King remarked, "Skidmore was a tough match to play, especially because they are so strong, but we played well and competed with them for every ball. Skidmore was the eventual winner of the tournament, so it meant a lot that we could compete with them."

In the final round, Hamilton played Rochester to compete for third place in the tournament. Rochester, like Skidmore a top-notch team, gave the Continentals a tough match and was the eventual winner, 5-0.

Coach King summarized the tournament, "It was tough to lose the last two matches, but we played some great teams and gave them a run for their money. The team competed well and we look forward to this weekend's New York State Tournament at Cornell." The team's record is now 7-4.

SUNY Brockport upsets Men's Soccer on late goals

By Andy Horner '03
ASSOCIATE SPORTS EDITOR

Over the past two seasons, the Hamilton men's soccer team had lost only two games by a margin greater than one goal.

So far this season, the men had yet to lose a game by more than one goal, despite playing some of the fiercest competition that the UCAA conference has to offer.

Going into last Saturday's game against an unheralded SUNY Brockport team, it seemed highly unlikely that the Continentals would experience a rare two-goal loss any time soon.

Unfortunately, that is exactly what happened, as Brockport escaped Love Field with a 3-1 victory over a stunned and disappointed Hamilton team.

In a game that was certainly theirs to lose, the Continentals played one half of solid soccer, and then spent the next missing scoring opportunities and suffering through defensive lapses. This combination proved deadly, as the less-skilled Brockport team capitalized on each mistake made by the Hamilton men.

The game started out on the right foot (excuse the pun), as Hamilton dominated much of the play. Led by captain Chris Steed '01, and starting goalkeeper James Cole '01, the Continentals played their usual tenacious defense and effective offense.

The scoring opened fourteen minutes into the game when Dimitry Maurice '03, known to all as D-bo, made a superb cross-field pass to Steed, who then proceeded to drive through the Brockport defense and bury the ball from a difficult angle for the goal.

Meanwhile, Cole sparkled in his first start of the season. During the course of the first half, he made three amazing saves, and thus played a crucial role in maintaining Hamilton's one goal lead.

Captain Dave Bugliari '01 had praise for Cole's first half performance, “In the first half James Cole really stepped up his game and kept the ball out of the net.”

PHOTO BY LINDSAY GRIFFITHS '02

Hamilton forward Dimitry Maurice '03 battles Brockport defenders.

The first half ended with Hamilton still ahead by one. However, as the second half unfolded, it was clear that the Continentals had lost their intensity somewhere along the way. Brockport tied the game at one three minutes into the half, and although Hamilton continued to dominate the ball, they were unable to finish on the offensive end.

Meanwhile, the defense had an uncharacteristic breakdown, as Brockport scored two goals in quick succession as the game came to a close. These two goals proved enough to defeat Hamilton, and give the team only it's third two-goal loss in three seasons.

Bugliari summed up the second half of play, “Our defense didn't play their normal game, our midfielders had some trouble, and our forwards couldn't find the net either.”

Steed echoed Bugliari's thoughts, saying, “The first half we played some very good soccer, utilizing the entire pitch and working the ball out of the back. The second half we got away from our game, as we started playing long balls instead of working the ball like we had in the first half.”

The Continentals will need to rebound quickly, as they take on two conference rivals, Skidmore and Union, this weekend.

The talented Skidmore team has a half-game lead on Hamilton for second place in the conference, but a victory would catapult the Continentals into sole-possession of the two spot. Furthermore, they would improve to 4-1 in conference play, and thus would be only one half-game behind first-place SLU.

A victory over both Skidmore and Union would allow the men to enter the season's home stretch with a 6-3-1 record, and more importantly, with momentum. Union has struggle mightily this season, amassing a 1-8 record.

Maurice summed up the current feeling of the team going into the crucial stretch, “The team spirit is still up because this weekend is going to decide whether or not we make it to the post season. We need to start capitalizing on our scoring chances, but we all feel that we will come out with two huge wins this weekend.”

Nizzi stressed the importance of the coming games, “I hope the team is focused and prepared to play with the passion we need. We'll have to play hard to stay alive in the conference race.”

With two solid performances, Hamilton not only will stay alive, they could also be in a position to grab the conference lead from powerhouse SLU.

This Friday and Saturday, as the Continentals play their last two home games of the season, they will need a strong show of support from the home fans.

So come out to Love Field, enjoy the beautiful weather, cheer on your Continentals, and see some great soccer.

Football looking for offensive help against Bowdoin

By David Zane '02
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Just four games into this football season and the Continentals are already using the words “must win” to describe this week's contest against Bowdoin (0-3).

Hamilton comes into the game with an 0-3 record and having lost their last 11 games and 18 out of their last 19.

In last weekend's contest against Trinity the Continentals defense played well while the offense was nonexistent. The Continentals mustered only 112 total yards, 61 rushing and 51 passing, in their 16-0 loss to the Bantams.

Quarterback Mike Pellman '02 struggled and was pulled in the second quarter in favor of Chris Rossi '03. Rossi, who was moved to linebacker just a few weeks ago, was switched back to quarterback at the beginning of last week.

Rossi proved to be equally ineffective in leading the Continentals, going 9 for 21 with an interception.

When asked about why he switched quarterbacks in the middle of the game head coach Tim Pendergast responded, “We had to get something going...we wanted to try something else. Mike [Pellman] is still the starter. Rossi is like a relief pitcher out of the bullpen.”

At running back Chris McCarthy '02 received the majority of the carries this week, but backups Chris Weeden '02 and Elijah Huling '03 saw some action. Weeden had three rushes for 18 yards, including a run of 12 yards. Meanwhile, Huling carried the ball six times for 26 yards. Sources close to the team say that McCarthy has been seeing action this week in practice out of the slot and that fans can expect to see the same this weekend. This should mean that both Weeden and Huling will see more time in the backfield.

Another offensive change this week is that Tom Bradley '04 will start at wide receiver replacing Marc Feuerstein '03. Bradley has been a key figure when the offense has had prolonged drives, and last week was no different. Bradley caught a 12-yard pass during the Continentals only drive of the game.

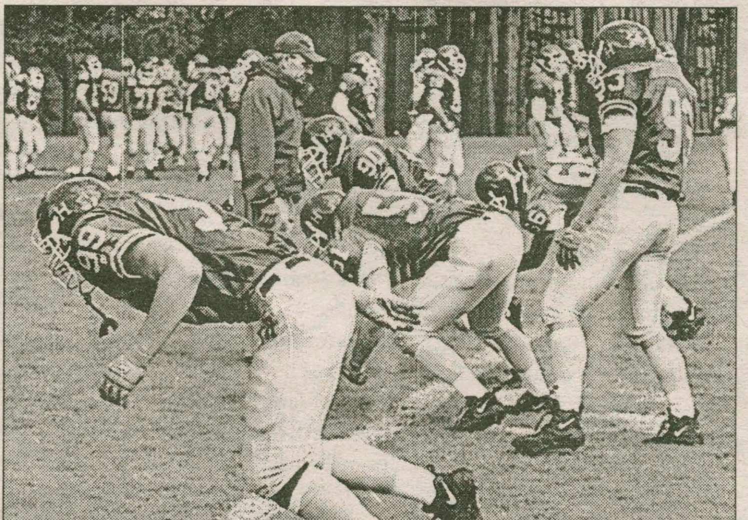

PHOTO BY SAGE BISSELL '02

Coach Paul Addey prepares the Continentals for this weekend's game against Bowdoin College.

The offensive line may also see some changes this week as Andy Basco '03 and Rob Neff '02 are expected to see more playing time. The line's inability to protect the quarterback and open up holes for the running backs for prolonged periods of time have caused major problems for the Continental's offense.

“We did not do a good enough job up front. There was no improvement from last week to this week. We need to sustain our blocks and finish them,” Pendergast said.

The offensive troubles have not spilled over to the defensive side of the ball as Hamilton's defense allowed only 16 points and 272 total yards last week. As usual the defensive unit was led by Ron Thomas '01 who had 11 tackles and one sack. Thatcher Freeborn '02, Dave Spezzano '02, and Mike Powers '02 all contributed to the defensive effort.

Perhaps the only defensive mistake was Trinity's 43-yard touchdown pass with 7:53 left in the fourth quarter. However, the touchdown could be attributed to fatigue, as the defense was on the field for almost 32 minutes.

Pendergast commented, “The defense played well enough to keep us in the game and give us a chance to win, but they must do a better job of preventing explosive plays.”

Looking ahead to this week's contest against Bowdoin, the Continentals match up favorably against the Polar Bears. If Hamilton hopes to win this weekend, they will have to score some points as Bowdoin has put up 37 on the season to Hamilton's three.

According to Pendergast, the keys to Saturday's game will be for the offense to sustain drives and keep the defense off the field; to have better field position; and Hamilton must make explosive plays and prevent Bowdoin from doing the same.

The Continentals realize that if they want to get a win this season, this may be one of their last chances, as over the coming weeks they face Colby, which is 3-0, perennial NESCAC power Williams, and finally arch rival Middlebury.

“It all comes down to execution,” Pendergast said, “if we don't execute we won't win.”

Sports

Crew wins Head of the Erie in memory of Houlihan

By Chris Preston '03
SPORTS EDITOR

There are certain special moments in which life and sport are closely linked.

We've all heard those ridiculous slogans such as, "Life is a sport, drink it up" or "Baseball is life", most of which promote nothing but a bottle of Gatorade or a Nike t-shirt. We all know that sports are not life. However, every once in a while sports become a very important part of life, bringing people together and serving as a forum in which one can express bottled up emotions.

This past Sunday's Head of the Erie regatta was a sporting event that held extreme importance for many Hamilton College students.

More specifically, the regatta was important for the members of Hamilton's crew team. Less than a week earlier, on Tuesday, October 3, sophomore and crew team member Matt Houlihan had passed away. Matt's tragic death was tough on the entire Hamilton community, but was especially hard to swallow for his teammates.

"We were originally going to withdraw from the regatta," explained Matt's former teammate and friend, Adam Schayowitz '03. "But we talked to coach (Joe Bilyea) and decided that participating in the regatta would be best, since that's the way Houli would have wanted it."

So, on Sunday, the crew team entered four boats in the Head of the Erie regatta, including the boat which a week earlier Houlihan had been a part of. The Men's Eight+ boat was manned by nine oarsmen. They included coxswain and co-captain Reid Anderson '02, Matt Damseaux '00, a Hamilton graduate and co-captain of the 1999 crew team who graciously took Houlihan's place at stroke, co-captain Steve Larson '03 at seven, Schayowitz at six, Andy Magoun '03 at five, Michael Everhart '02 at four, Ian Lawson '03 at three, Will Fuhrman '04 at two, and finally another Hamilton graduate and last year's other co-captain, Eric Jones '00, at bow.

The three schools competing against Hamilton in the regatta were Cazanovia, Colgate, who was the only school with two boats, and Syracuse.

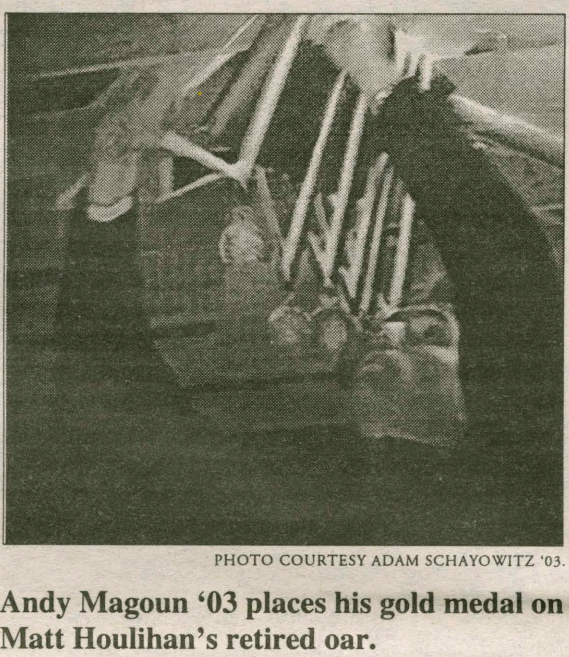
PHOTO COURTESY ADAM SCHAYOWITZ '03.

Andy Magoun '03 places his gold medal on Matt Houlihan's retired oar.

To honor Houlihan, each member of the Men's Eight donned Matt's characteristic white tank top and blue jeans, which he had worn to practice virtually everyday. Finally, with the memory of their beloved teammate giving them strength, the Men's Eight took to the water.

Emotionally charged, the team rowed with tremendous heart and enthusiasm all the way to the gold medal, beating out Colgate by one second and claiming their first ever Head of the Erie title. The victorious Hamilton squad shed tears of joy, tears of sadness, and tears of exhaustion left over from their emotionally draining week. They accepted their gold medals with pride, as each member placed his medal upon "Houli's" retired oar, which now hangs from the rafters in the boathouse. The first-place trophy they received will be sent to Matt's parents.

Schayowitz summed up what took place on this incredible day, "It was definitely emotionally hard, but by the same token it was emotionally gratifying. Physically Houli wasn't there but emotionally he was our most valuable member. We couldn't have done it without him. We went out there with the intention of rowing our best, and rowing it for Houli. The win was just sort of Houli saying, 'Thanks.'"

Coach Bilyea could not have been prouder of his team, saying, "It was the most emotional sporting event I've ever been involved in. Every crew, including the three women's boats, went above and beyond what I like to call my gold standard. They were running on pure adrenaline and emotion. It was nice to see the Men's Eight win for themselves. It allowed them to further the healing process."

In addition to the dramatic victory in the Men's Eight, the three women's boats also rowed with tremendous inspiration. The Women's Lightweight Four won their event with ease, while the two Women's Eight boats-the Millenium and Friends-finished first and second, respectively. The women were led by co-captains Beth Hayes '02 and Denise Yerger '01, both of whom rowed for the winning Millenium boat in the Women's Eight.

All in all, it was a special day not only for the crew team or for Hamilton's sports program, but for the college as a whole. To lose someone close to you, particularly at such a young age, takes time to heal.

The pain from such a loss never fully goes away, but can be soothed through bonding with others and reminiscing about the good times spent with the person who is no longer physically present. As the Hamilton crew team discovered, there often times is no better elixir for coping with the loss of a dear friend than sports. Sports offer an escape from the cruelty of the real world, and have a knack for lifting people's spirits through the bonding with others and the releasing of built-up tension. Sure, sports are certainly not life. They are better than life.

Field Hockey beginning to establish home "turf" advantage

By Louisa Smith '01
SPORTS WRITER

After a disappointing season opener against the Ithaca Bombers and an additional loss against Suny Oswego, the outlook for the Continentals' season looked grim. However, prior to fall break, Hamilton rebounded from their opening slump with an exciting 3-2 win against Suny Geneseo.

Several factors helped secure the win. First, before the recent completion of Hamilton's new playing field, the Continentals were forced to practice during preseason on a variety of different playing surfaces including on grass and in the gym.

The significant practice time spent in these diverse locations and the team's lack of experience on the new field impeded the team's ability to make confident predictions about how the ball would react on the new surface.

Now that the team has played several games at home and held regular practices on the new field, a feeling of comfort and confidence is starting to develop that is finally giving the Continentals a "home field advantage."

Coach Karen Hollands explained that the win against Geneseo indicated that "the team is really getting used to the turf surface." The more practice time the team gets on their new field, the more a home game will be welcomed.

Additional practice also helped the Continentals gel as a team. Hollands noted that the game against Geneseo was the first time that "the team finally played as a unit."

Solid passes and skilled plays, as well as consistent communication, allowed Hamilton to dominate for much of the game.

As Colleen Trzaskos '02 explained, "We played well as a team throughout the entire game and that's why we won."

She also noted that this win was of particular importance because it was the first time Hamilton had ever beaten Geneseo and this major victory should give the team some badly needed confidence.

Although every member of the team contributed, Jessica White '04 started the momentum with the first goal, Jenny Russell '02 added to the scoring with the second goal, and Christina Freyre '02 secured the victory with the winning goal.

Coach Hollands highlighted goalie Sarah Baldwin '04 and Heather Pratt '04 as major defensive assets and midfielder Sarah McNeil '04 as a substantial contributor.

Suny Geneseo is a solid team with a 4-1 record and the Continentals' victory on Saturday was a 60-minute demonstration of Hamilton's potential for success. Unfortunately, the Continentals suffered a tough 3-2 overtime loss in their next game against the Hartwick College Hawks, ending their opportunity for a winning streak.

Hartwick came into the game with a 2-5 record but a reputation of being a strong team. However, prior to overtime the Continentals were passing well and dominating the field.

Freyre lit up the scoreboard with two goals as the team led the Hawks in shots on goal. Despite the Continentals' aggressive effort, an obstruction by Hamilton during sudden death overtime gave Hartwick the opportunity to execute a successful corner play and secure the win.

Since October break the Continentals have played two intense games. Last week, a loss to Vassar showed the team was a little rusty. Both defenseman Andrea Cecchinato'01 and captain Rebeckah Iseman'01 felt unsatisfied with the game. Iseman noted that the team "came out flat."

Although Trzaskos managed to deny Vassar the shutout, the lack of solid passes and a confident, aggressive attitude prevented Hamilton from gaining the win. Vassar left with a 2-1 win over the Continentals.

Since the disappointment against Vassar, the team has reassessed its season's goals and strategies.

The team has realized that they need to become more aggressive. Russell noted, "We need to approach each game with a winning attitude. We need to come out with confidence."

An earlier game played against Skidmore inspired the team to work on refining their general skills. Because of Skidmore's ability to pass comfortably as well as their dribbling finesse, Hamilton has since added several stick-work drills to practice. More recently, the team has also focused on defensive drills during practice to solidify the back end.

The psychological motivation and new practice strategies have proven effective for the Continentals. This past weekend, Hamilton beat nationally ranked RPI in a 2-1 victory. RPI came into the match with an 8-3 record. However, despite being the underdogs, the team pulled through to achieve what Russell described as a "huge win."

Iseman concurred that the victory over RPI was a big win. Iseman earmed the nickname "Iceman," and was named the player of the game after scoring both goals off corners assisted by Russell and Freyre. The victory, which was secured through several effective corner plays, proved that the Continentals have skills and can execute.

The Continentals have high hopes for the rest of their season.

As Trzaskos noted, "We played a hard schedule in the beginning of the season." The team is looking forward to a potentially lighter second half schedule, with many opportunities for victory.

Finally becoming accustomed to their new home turf won't hurt either.